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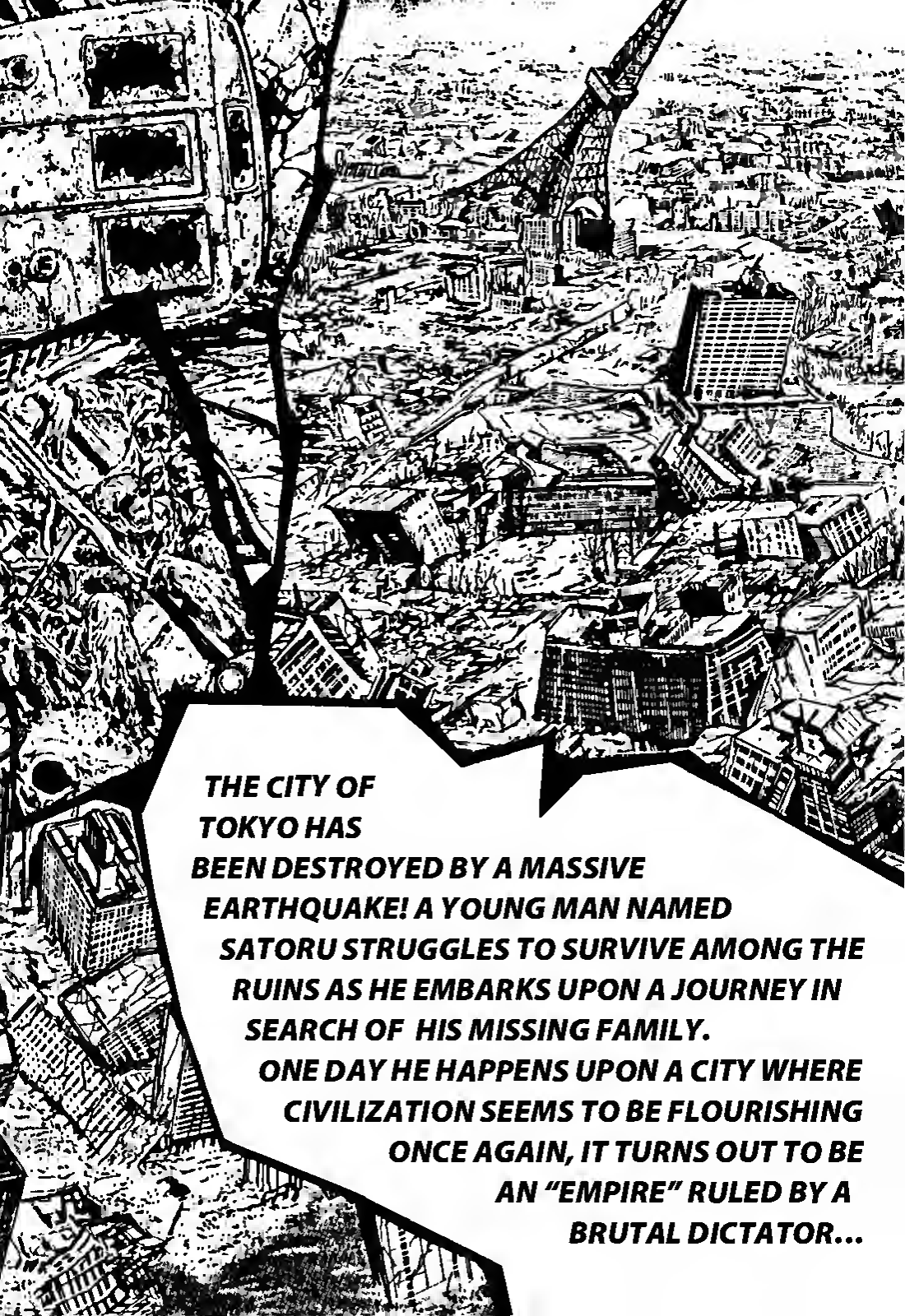
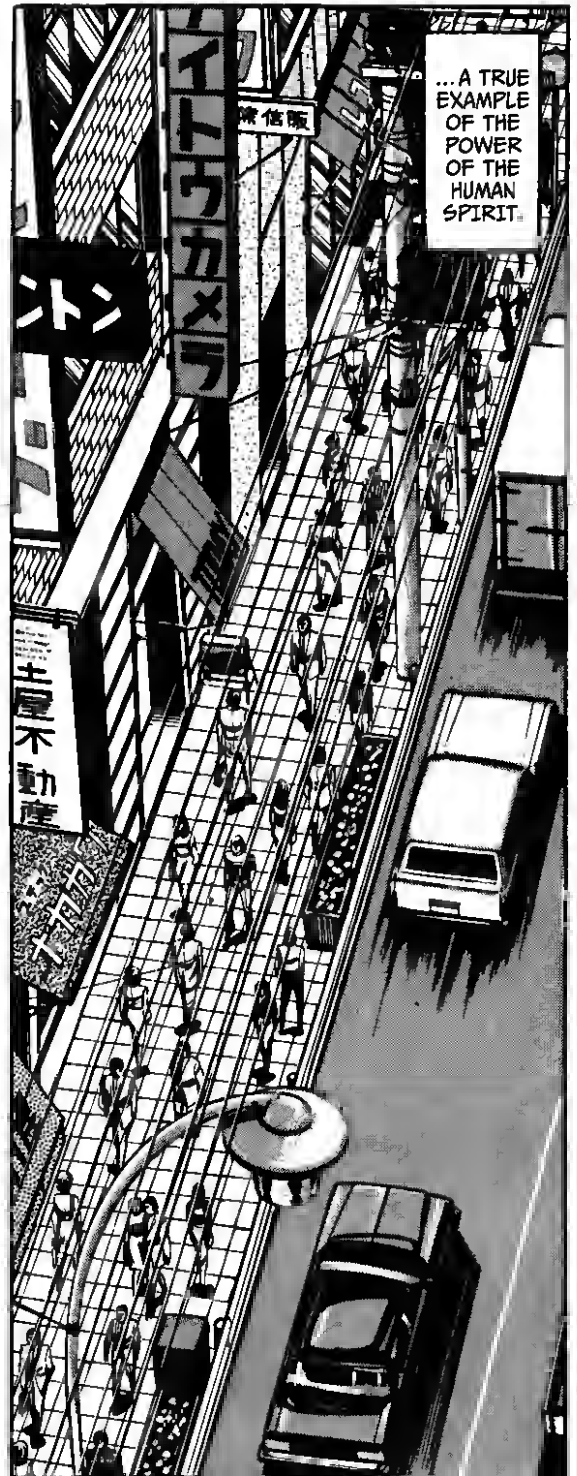
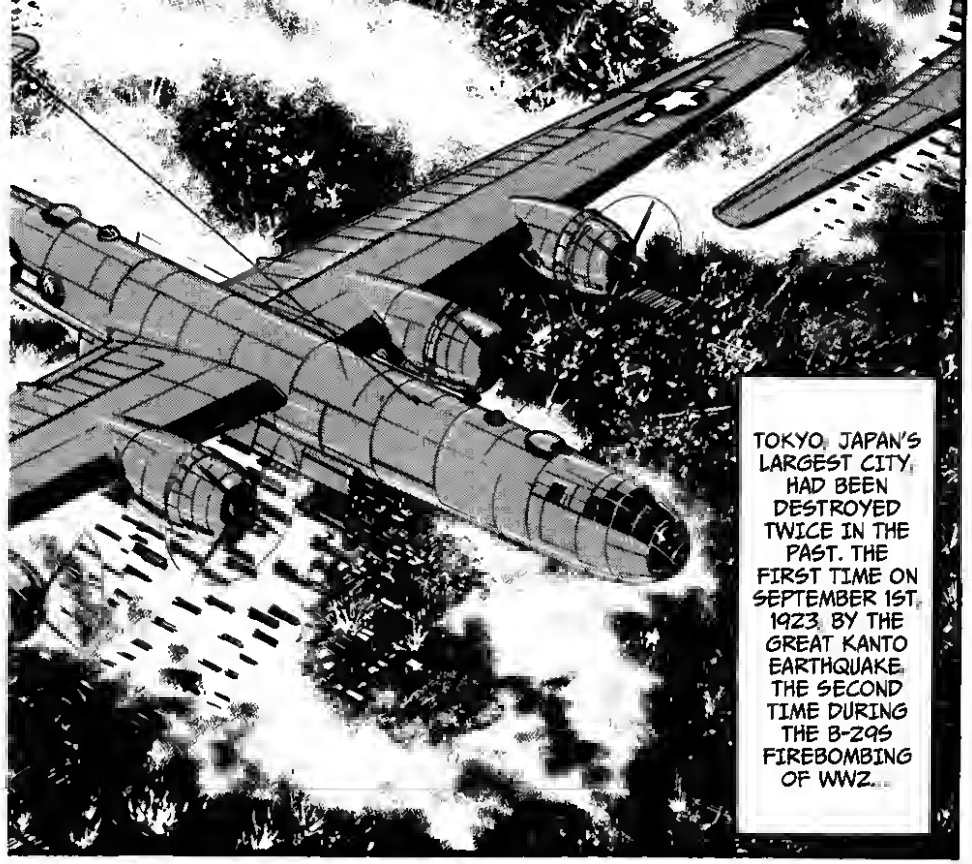
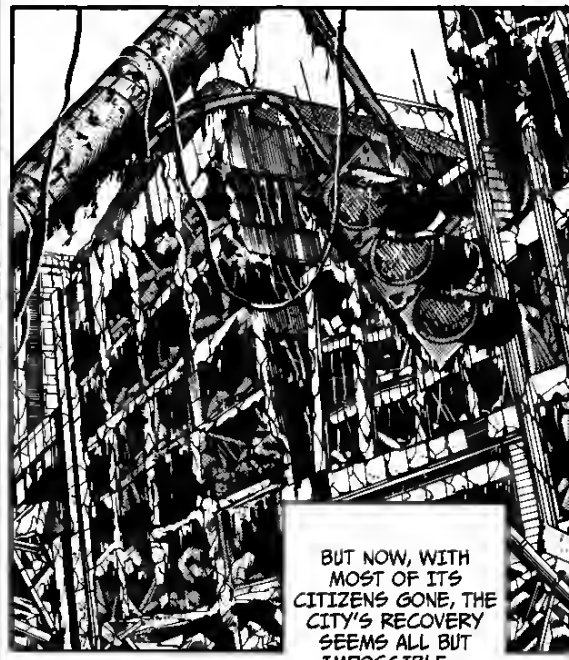

THE CITY OF TOKYO HAS BEEN DESTROYED BY A MASSIVE EARTHQUAKE! A YOUNG MAN NAMED SATORU STRUGGLES TO SURVIVE AMONG THE RUINS AS HE EMBARKS UPON A JOURNEY IN SEARCH OF HIS MISSING FAMILY.
ONE DAY HE HAPPENS UPON A CITY WHERE CIVILIZATION SEEMS TO BE FLOURISHING ONCE AGAIN, IT TURNS OUT TO BE AN "EMPIRE" RULED BY A BRUTAL DICTATOR...

DANGER 1

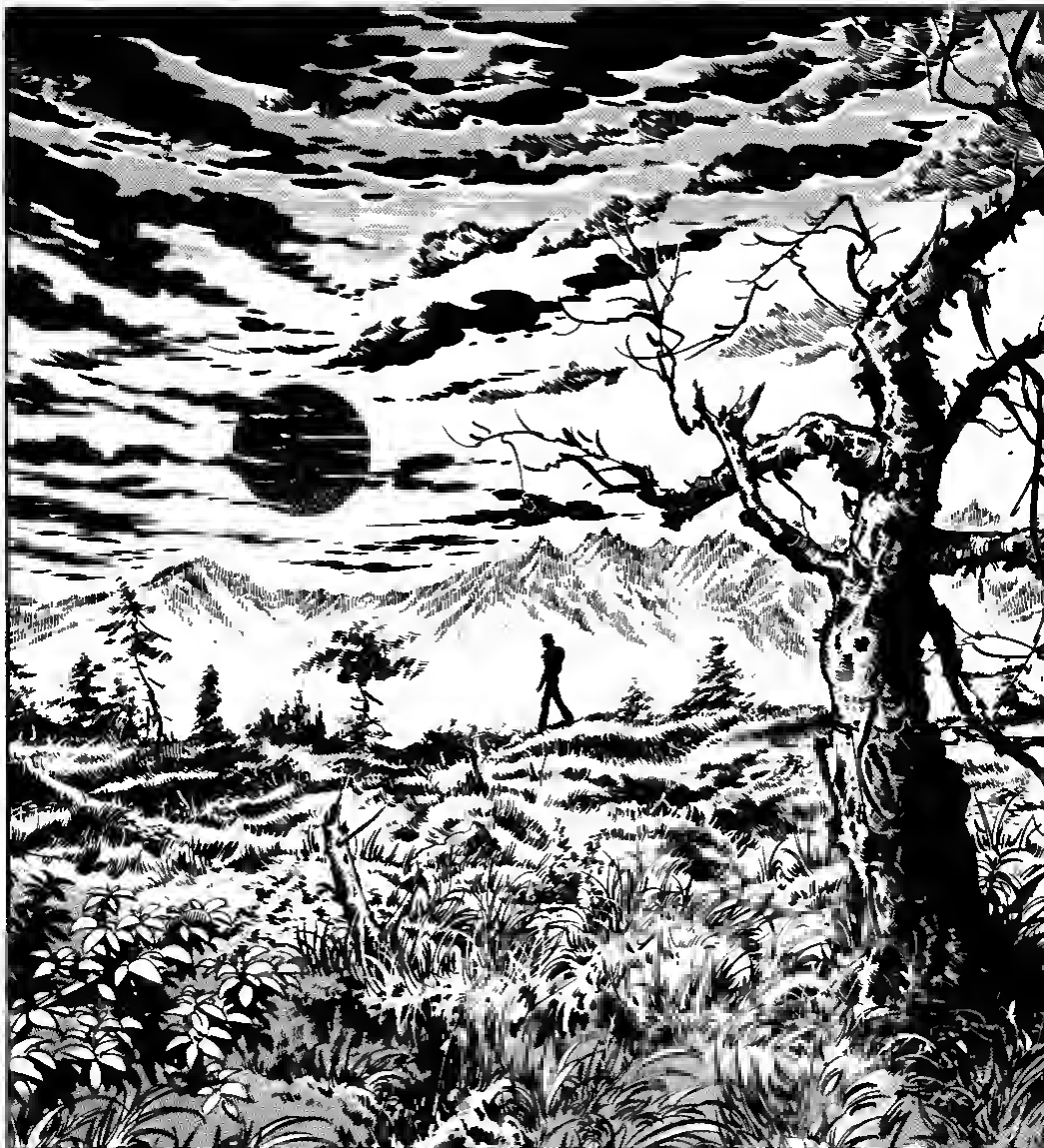

...A TRUE EXAMPLE OF THE POWER OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

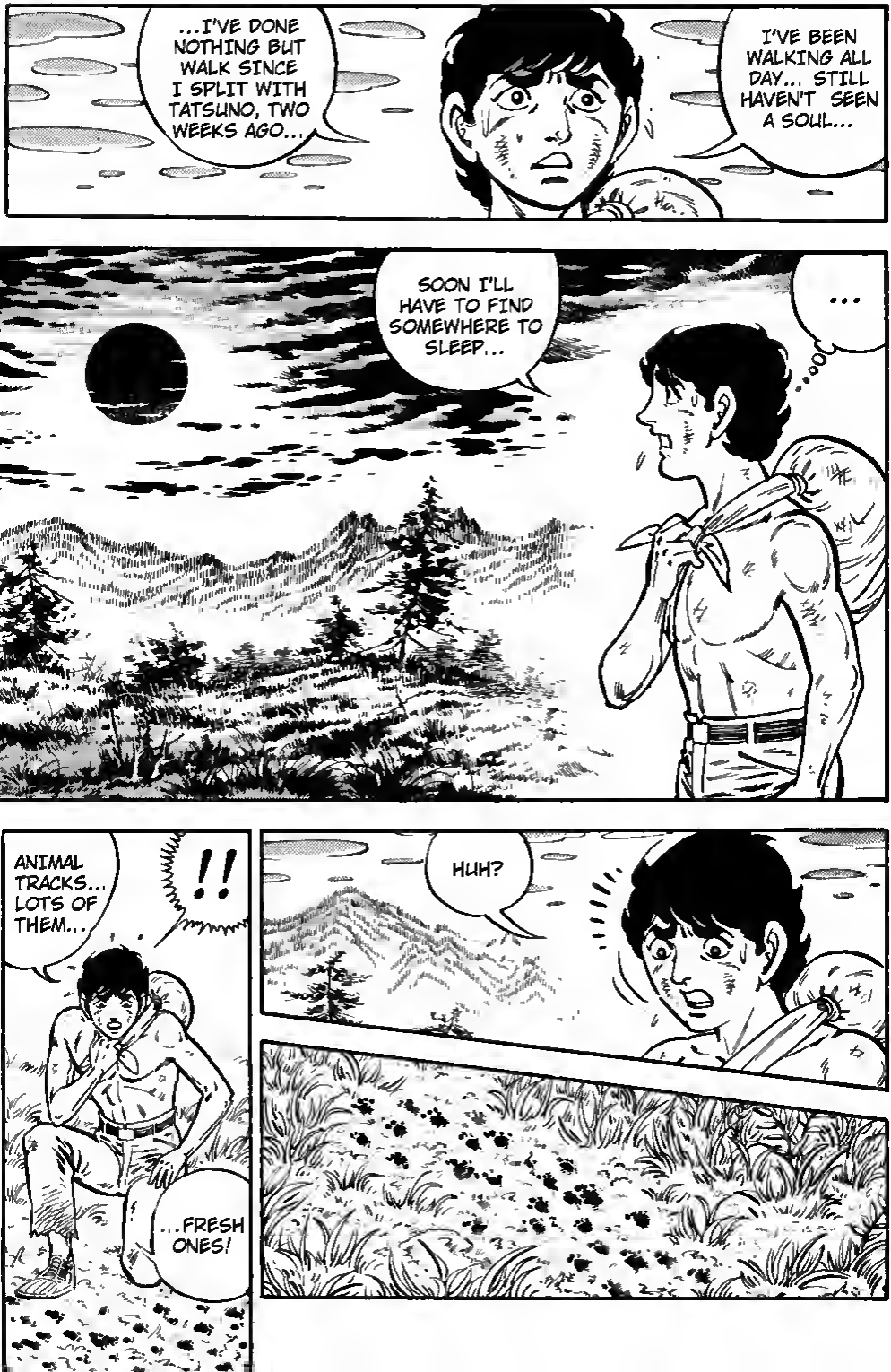

TOKYO, JAPAN'S LARGEST CITY, HAD BEEN DESTROYED TWICE IN THE PAST. THE FIRST TIME ON SEPTEMBER 1ST, 1923, BY THE GREAT KANTO EARTHQUAKE. THE SECOND TIME DURING THE B-29S FIREBOMBING OF WWZ...

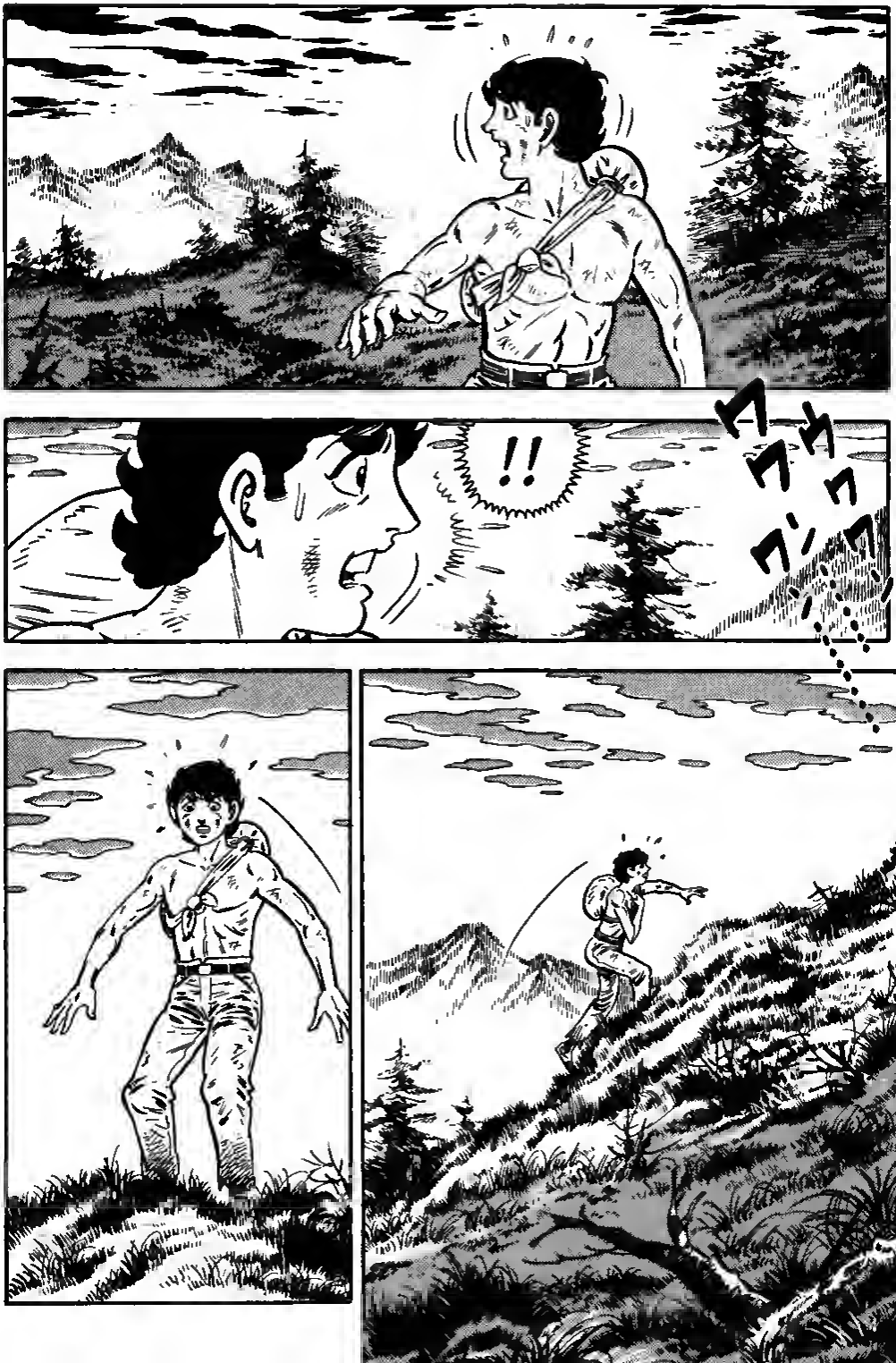
BOTH TIMES, HOWEVER, ITS HARD-WORKING CITIZENS HAD STAGED A QUICK AND MIRACULOUS RECOVERY ...



BUT NOW, WITH MOST OF ITS CITIZENS GONE, THE CITY'S RECOVERY SEEMS ALL BUT IMPOSSIBLE... ITS ROWS OF BUILDINGS AND BUSTLING CROWDS ARE GONE, POSSIBLY FOREVER...

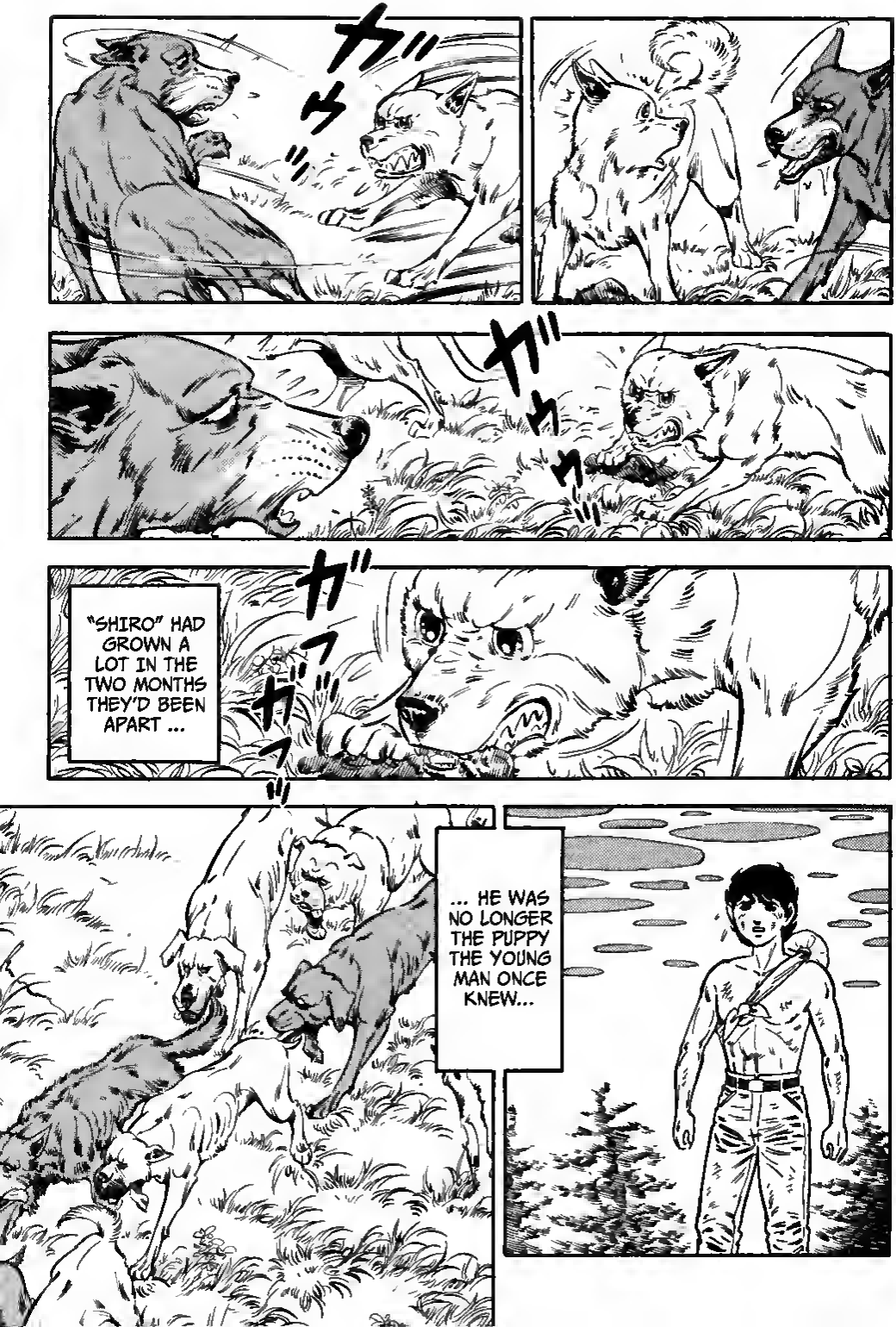


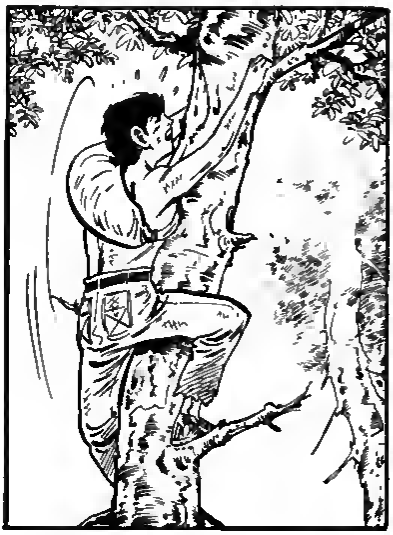

...I'VE DONE NOTHING BUT WALK SINCE I SPLIT WITH TATSUNO, TWO WEEKS AGO...
I'VE BEEN WALKING ALL DAY... STILL HAVEN'T SEEN A SOUL...
SOON I'LL HAVE TO FIND SOMEWHERE TO SLEEP...
...
ANIMAL TRACKS... LOTS OF THEM...
!!
...FRESH ONES!
HUH?



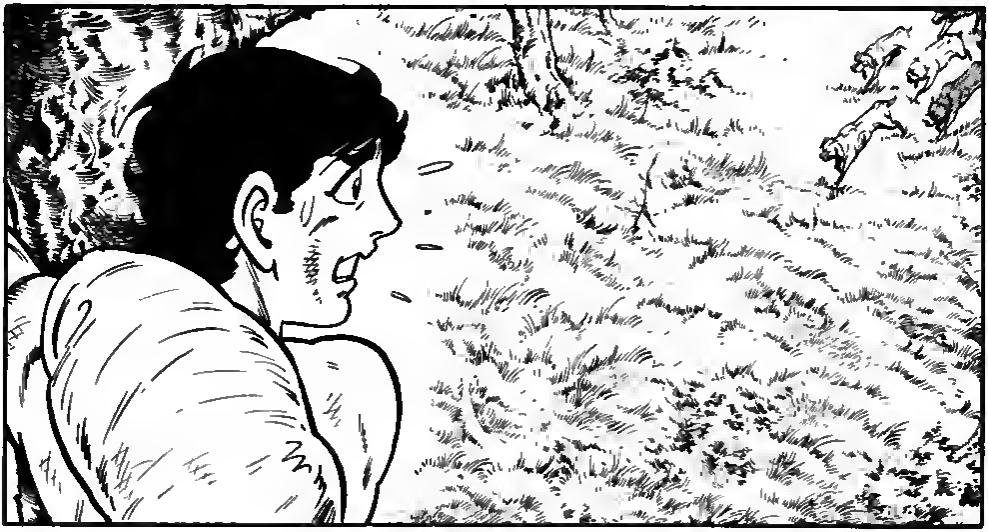
A PACK OF WILD DOGS!
...
LOOKS LIKE THEY JUST CAUGHT SOME-THING...

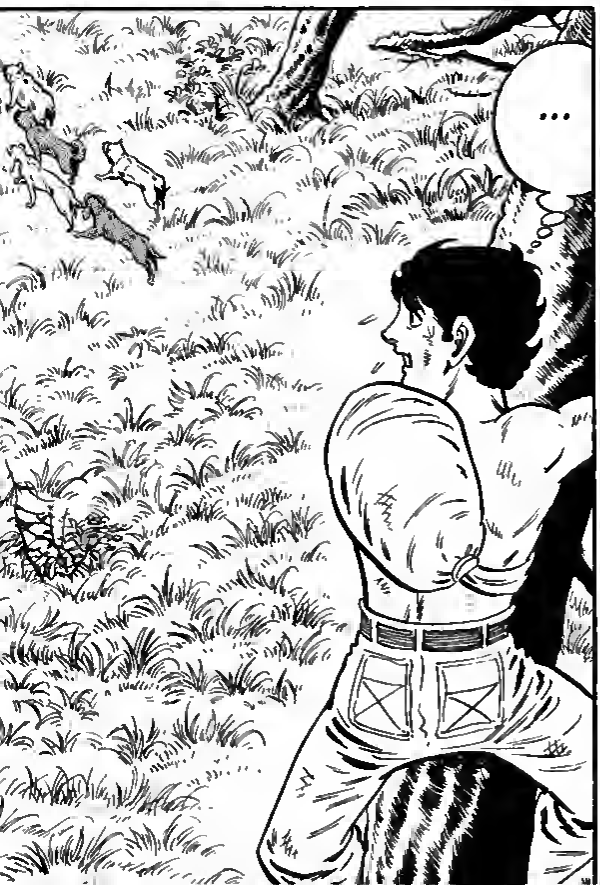
...
I WONDER WHAT HAPPENED TO SHIRO...
"SHIRO", ONCE SATORU'S BEST FRIEND WAS ONE OF THE DOGS IN THE PACK...


"SHIRO" HAD GROWN A LOT IN THE TWO MONTHS THEY'D BEEN APART ...
... HE WAS NO LONGER THE PUPPY THE YOUNG MAN ONCE KNEW...



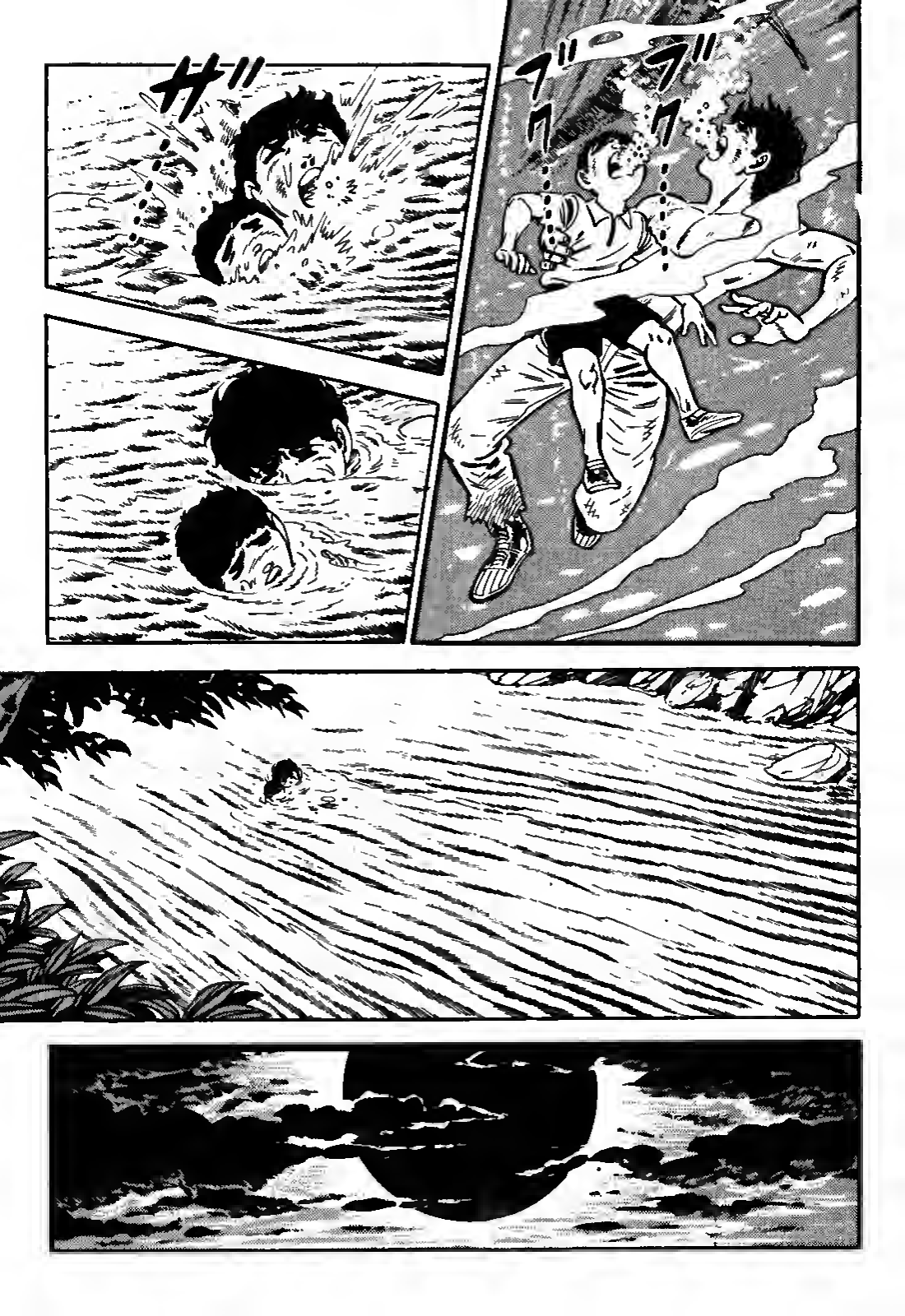
DAMN! THEY'RE COMING THIS WAY!





...
NOTHING MORE DANGEROUS THAN A PACK OF HUNGRY DOGS!
OH!
THAT BOY... IS DROWNING!

...GRA-
GRANDPA!
KOFF...
KOFF! GRA-
GRANDPA!
!!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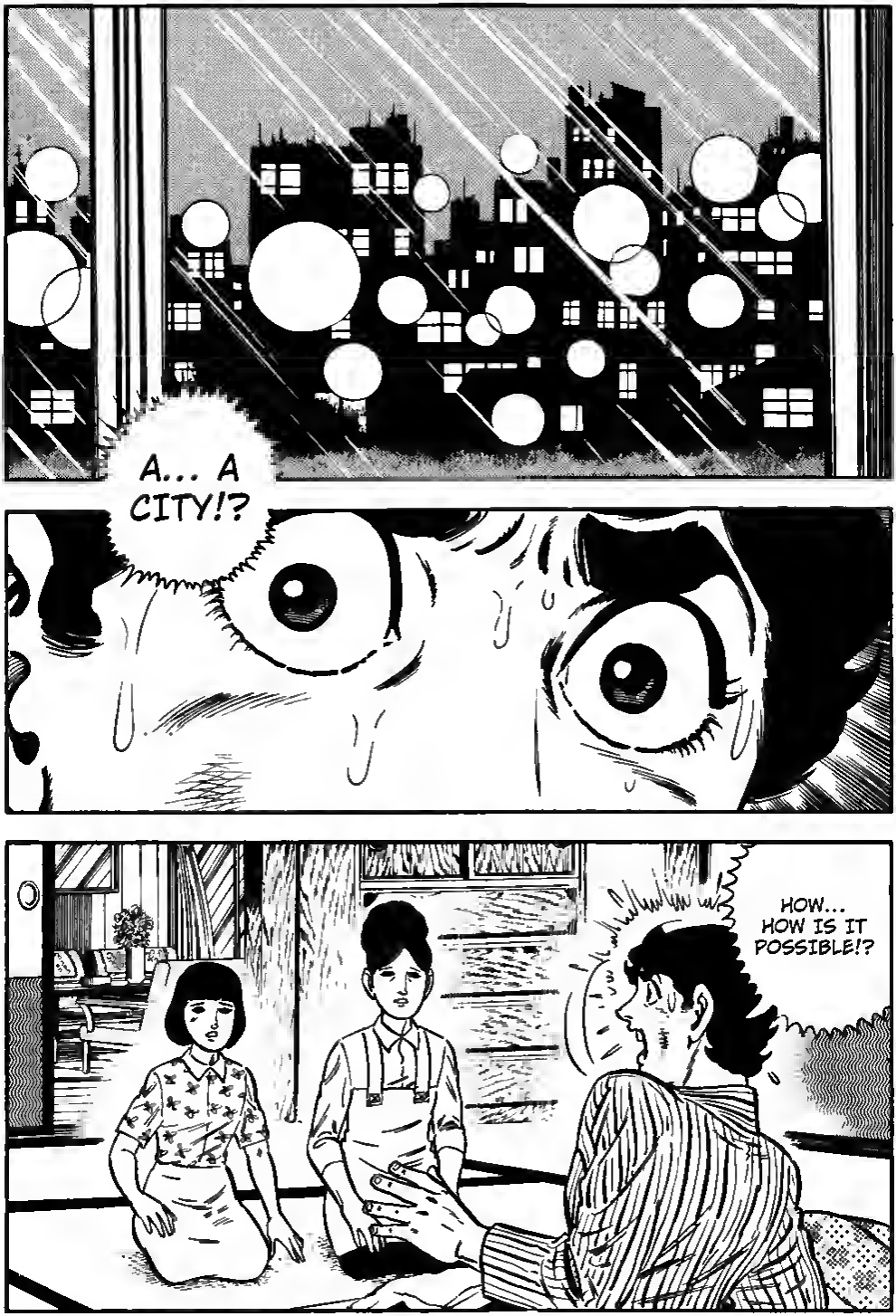
SISTER...
...IS THAT YOU...?
!?
!!
!!
WH-WHERE AM I?
MOM! HE'S AWAKE!

...THE... B-BOY... IS THE BOY...?
ARE YOU SURE, MIKI?
MANABU IS ALIVE ... THANKS TO YOU!
HE'S FINE TOO.
...
YES, LOOK! HE'S FINE!
WHERE IS THIS PLACE? ...THIS HOUSE... WHERE AM I...?
?
LIE DOWN, PLEASE! YOU NEED TO REST!



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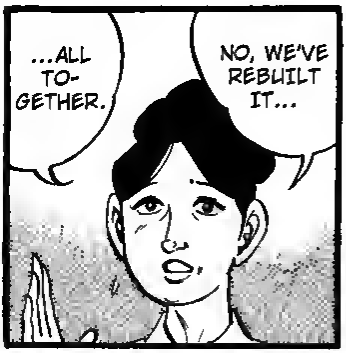
DANGER 2

IT'S A CITY!
I'M IN... A CITY!

...THE EARTH-QUAKE?
ARE YOU TELLING ME THIS CITY SURVIVED...


...ALL TO-GETHER.
NO, WE'VE REBUILT IT...

IT'S A REAL CITY! WE'RE IN A REAL CITY!?
YES, IT'S A REAL CITY...

MOST OF THE PEOPLE WHO SURVIVED... ARE NOW LIVING HERE.
...
IN-INCRED-IBLE!
IT'S... INCRED-IBLE!
... SUCH AMAZING CREA-TURES!
HUMAN BEINGS...

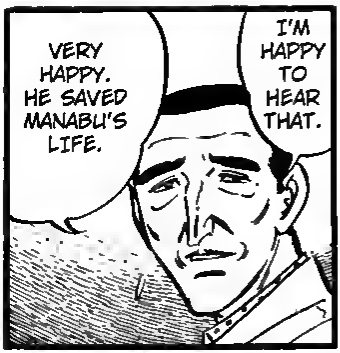
...SO HAPPY TO BE STILL ALIVE!
I'M SO HAPPY...
!!
Ooooo...
...
...
Ooo..
AHEM... SO-SORRY... I GOT A LITTLE EMOTIONAL ...
?
?

...GRA-GRANDPA!
HEY, WAIT A MINUTE!
YES, HIS GRAND-FATHER. HE WAS WITH THE BOY!
!!
... GRA-GRAND-FATHER ...?
IS THE BOY'S GRAND-FATHER OKAY?
THERE WAS AN OLD MAN WITH HIM, I'M TELLING YOU!
BUT... HE KEPT CALLING OUT... "GRANDPA! GRANDPA!"
THERE WAS NO GRANDFATHER. MY SON... MANABU, WAS ALONE...

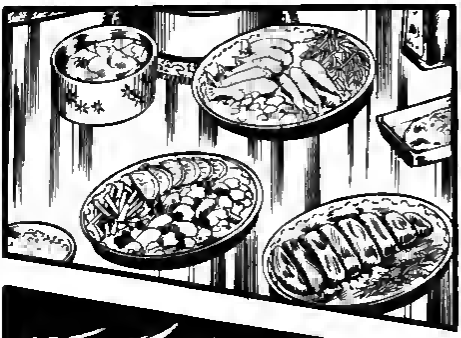
BUT... I'M TELLING YOU I HEARD THE BOY CALL HIS NAME...
THAT'S IMPOS-SIBLE!
NO!
?
...
...
!!
?

...AND TAKE THESE TABLETS THIRTY MINUTES AFTER YOUR MEALS.
DO-DOCTOR...
...I CANNOT THANK YOU ENOUGH!
THANK YOU, DOCTOR!
...
DAD!

...
TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOURSELF.
SEE YOU LATER, DOCTOR... AND THANKS AGAIN... .


VERY HAPPY. HE SAVED MANABU'S LIFE.
I'M HAPPY TO HEAR THAT.

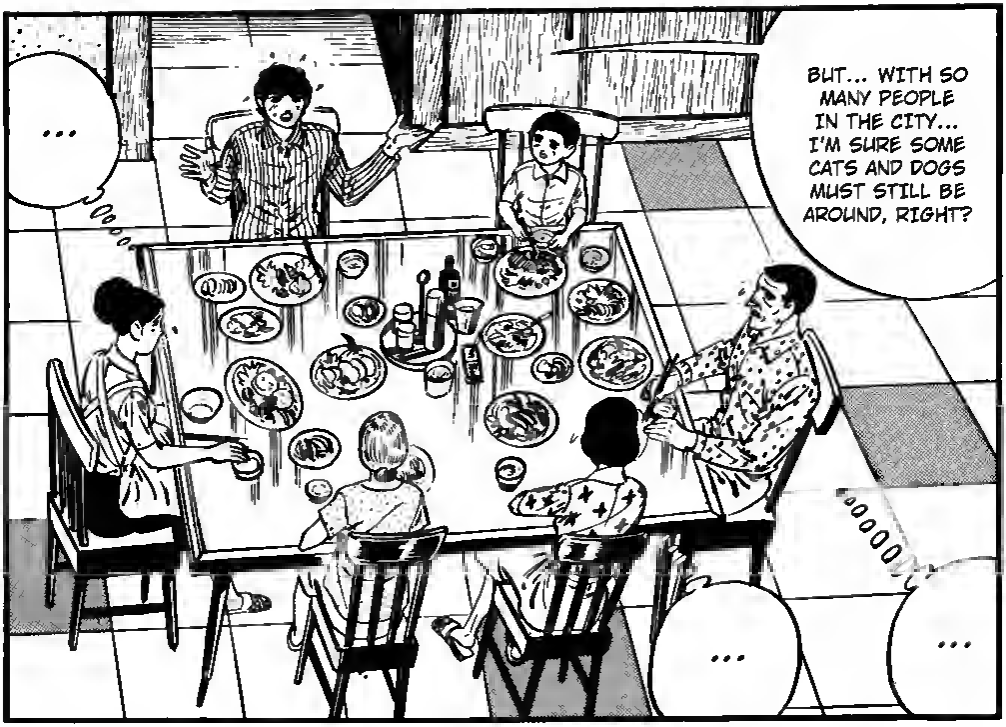
OH REALLY?
DAD, THE BOY IS OKAY!



WOW... WHAT A FEAST!

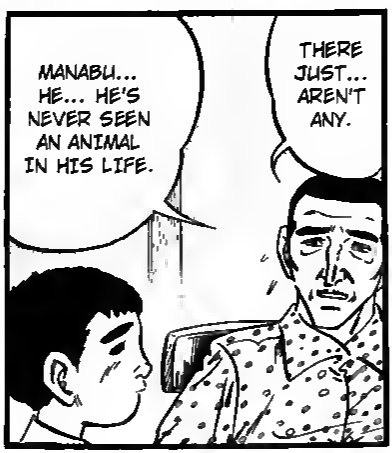
TODAY IS A SPECIAL OCCASION. MOM WANTS TO SHOW YOU HOW MUCH WE APPRECIATE YOUR SAVING MANABU'S LIFE!
GO AHEAD, HELP YOURSELF.
I HAD FORGOTTEN THAT PEOPLE EAT MEALS LIKE THIS!
...IF YOUR FATHER HADN'T COME LOOKING FOR HIM...
...SAVING HIS LIFE? BUT ACTUALLY...
...I WOULD'VE DROWNED AS WELL.
NONSENSE. IF YOU HADN'T GRABBED MANABU, THE CURRENT WOULD'VE SWEPT HIM AWAY.
YOUR FATHER SAVED US BOTH!
THANK YOU!
...YOU DID SAVE MANABU'S LIFE!
NO DOUBT ABOUT IT...

WHAT'S A... STRAY?
EH!?
WELL... YOU'RE LUCKY THAT PACK OF STRAYS DIDN'T ATTACK YOU. THEY WERE VERY CLOSE!
...A WILD DOG!
A DOG, YOU KNOW...
?
WHAT!?
WHAT'S A... DOG?
...NEVER SEEN A DOG?
WHAT!?
HE'S NEVER SEEN A DOG.


...
BUT... WITH SO MANY PEOPLE IN THE CITY... I'M SURE SOME CATS AND DOGS MUST STILL BE AROUND, RIGHT?
.....
...
...

BU-BUT ...
...
YOU SEE... IT'S FORBIDDEN TO KEEP CATS OR DOGS HERE.

...I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT!
WHAT? I...


MANABU... HE... HE'S NEVER SEEN AN ANIMAL IN HIS LIFE.
THERE JUST... AREN'T ANY.

...HE MUST HAVE SEEN AT LEAST ONE...

MIKI!
IF YOU HAD A LOOK AROUND THE CITY, YOU'D UNDERSTAND...
?
!!
?
SO TELL ME, SATORU. IS YOUR MOM GOOD AT COOKING TOO?
HER SPECIALTY IS...
SHE... SURE IS.

HEY, I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE NOT EATING THIS!
IT'S NOT FAIR! SATORU ALWAYS-
...
COME ON, YOU TWO, STOP BICKERING!
SATORU! I WAS GOING TO SAVE IT UNTIL LAST!
AND I'M SURE THEY ARE ALWAYS TALKING ABOUT YOU OVER THEIR MEALS, WISHING YOU TOO COULD BE THERE!
SO AM I!
...ARE STILL ALIVE SOME-WHERE
I'M SURE YOUR FATHER, MOTHER AND SISTER ...
...

...SIX?
JUST LOOK AT OUR FAMILY... THERE WERE SIX OF US, AND WE ALL SURVIVED!
I WANT TO BELIEVE IT TOO!
YES!
!
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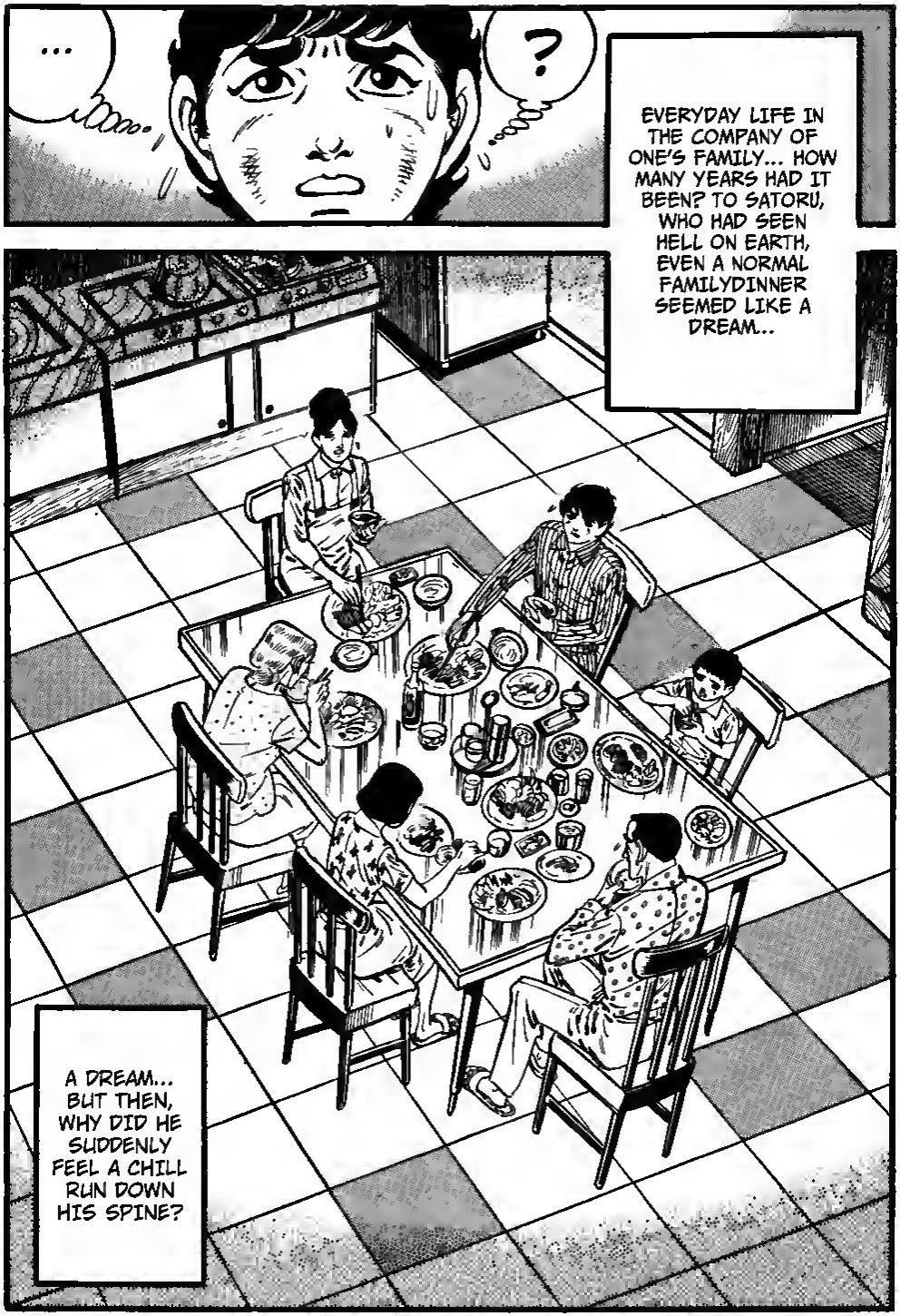
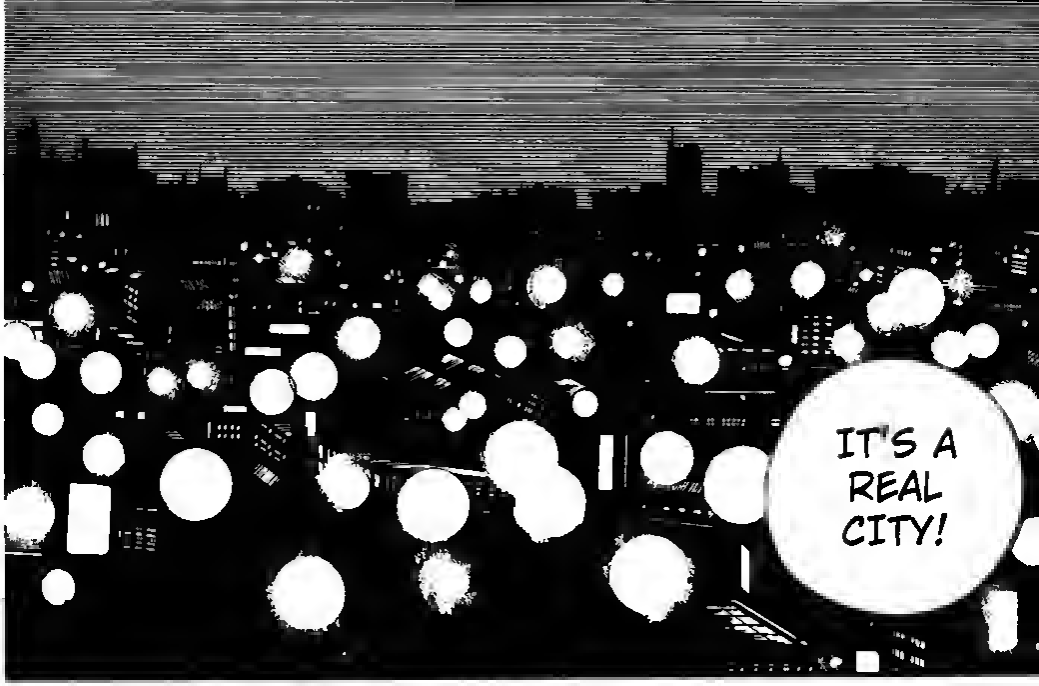
... THAT GRANDPA IS DEAD!
MANABU, HOW MANY TIMES HAVE I TOLD YOU...
BUT... BUT...
!!
GRANDPA IS NOT DEAD!
SIX WITH OUR GRANDFATHER, HE... PASSED AWAY.

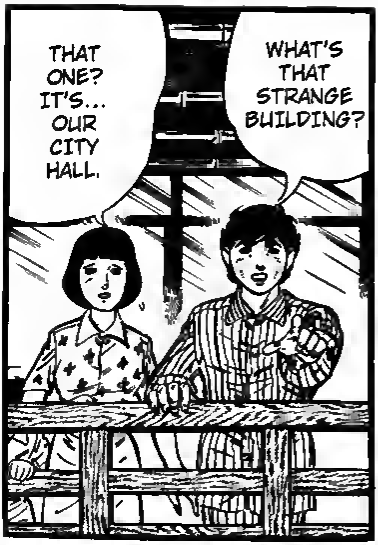

...
?
EVERYDAY LIFE IN THE COMPANY OF ONE'S FAMILY... HOW MANY YEARS HAD IT BEEN? TO SATORU, WHO HAD SEEN HELL ON EARTH, EVEN A NORMAL FAMILYDINNER SEEMED LIKE A DREAM...
A DREAM... BUT THEN, WHY DID HE SUDDENLY FEEL A CHILL RUN DOWN HIS SPINE?

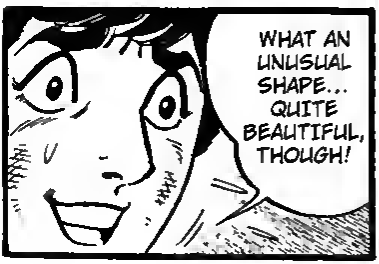
...IT'S FORBIDDEN TO WALK AT NIGHT.
IN THIS CITY...
!!
...I'D LIKE TO HAVE A WALK AROUND THE CITY...
I WAS THINKING ...
WOULD YOU LIKE TO HAVE A LOOK FROM OUR BALCONY?
?
HUH!?
THERE ARE NO RULES AGAINST GOING OUT ON ONE'S BALCONY, RIGHT?
IT'S OKAY, MOM.
MIKI!
...
...AHEM... I...
COME ON, SATORU, LET'S GO!
I'M COMING TOO!

...
?
THIS IS OUR CITY!
LOOK!
A CITY...

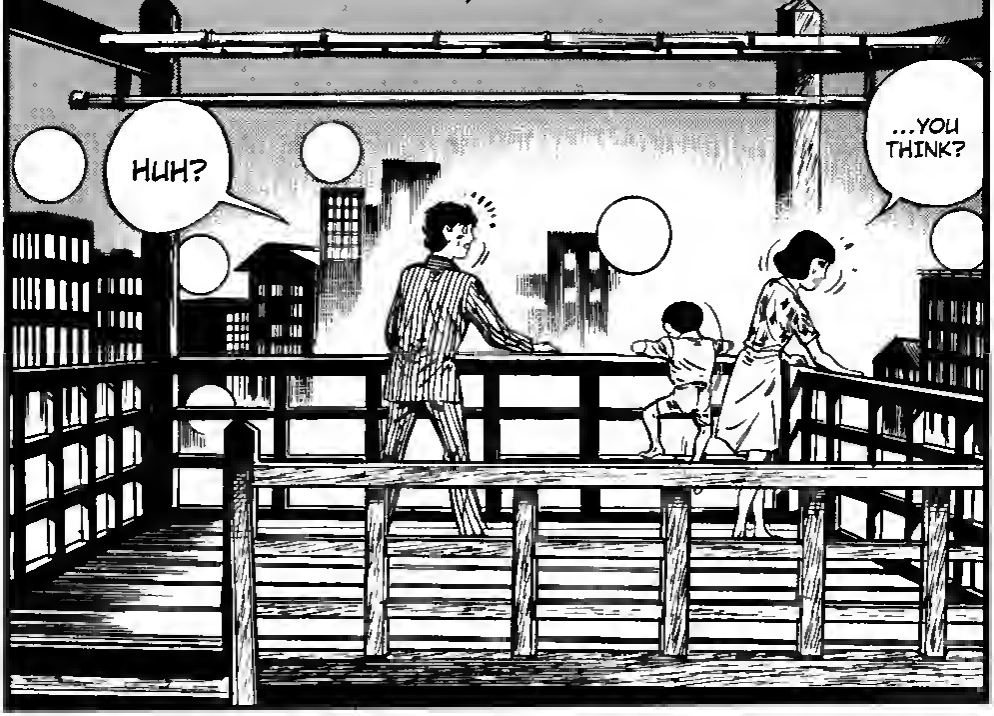

IT'S A REAL CITY!

... PEOPLE LEADING EVERYDAY LIVES...
AND BENEATH EACH ONE OF THOSE LIGHTS ... THERE ARE PEOPLE...


THAT ONE? IT'S... OUR CITY HALL.
WHAT'S THAT STRANGE BUILDING?


WHAT AN UNUSUAL SHAPE... QUITE BEAUTIFUL, THOUGH!

OH!?

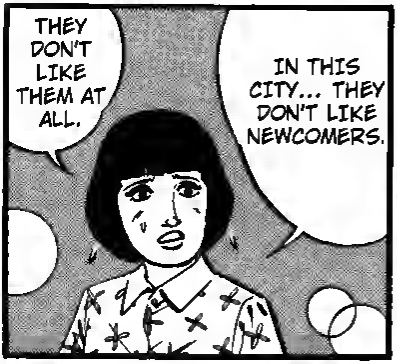


ONCE MORE, SATORU FELT A CHILL RUN DOWN HIS SPINE...
...
THE LIGHTS WARMED HIS HEART... AND YET, IT FELT AS IF THE PEOPLE BENEATH THEM WERE LIVING IN FEAR OF SOMETHING...

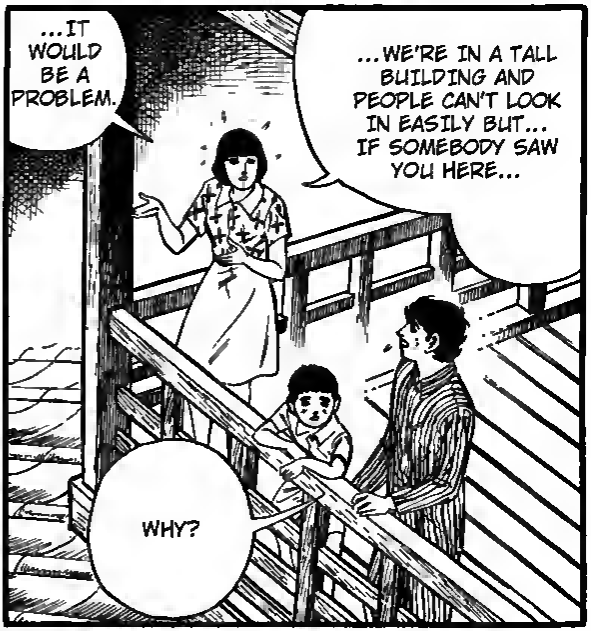
END OF CHAPTER 2

DANGER 3

WELL...
HUH?
WHY... WHY DO YOU KEEP GLANCING AROUND SO NERVOUSLY?


THEY DON'T LIKE THEM AT ALL.
IN THIS CITY... THEY DON'T LIKE NEWCOMERS.

...


...IT WOULD BE A PROBLEM.
...WE'RE IN A TALL BUILDING AND PEOPLE CAN'T LOOK IN EASILY BUT... IF SOMEBODY SAW YOU HERE...
WHY?

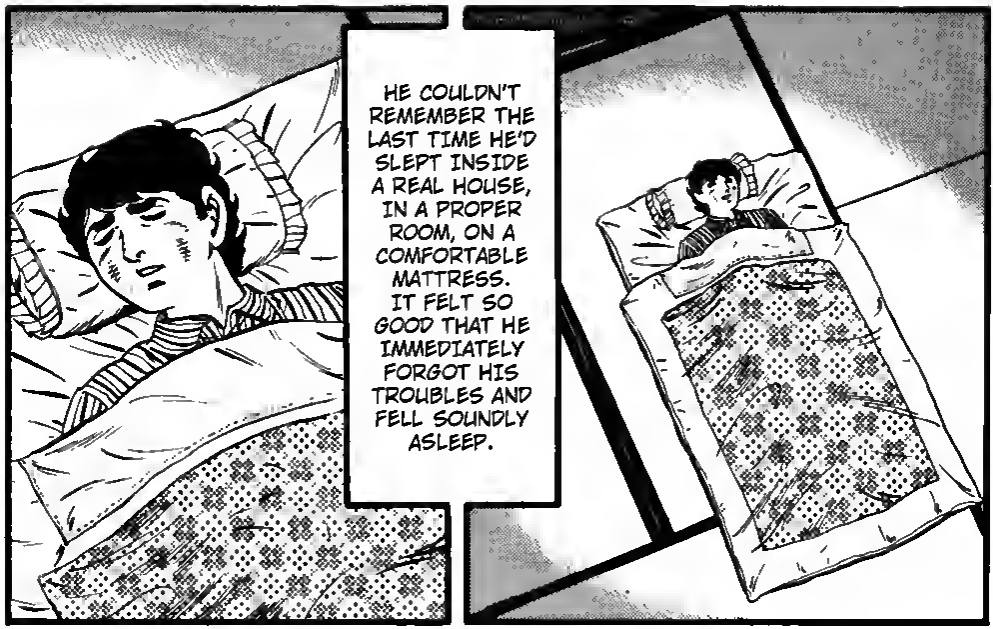
UHM...

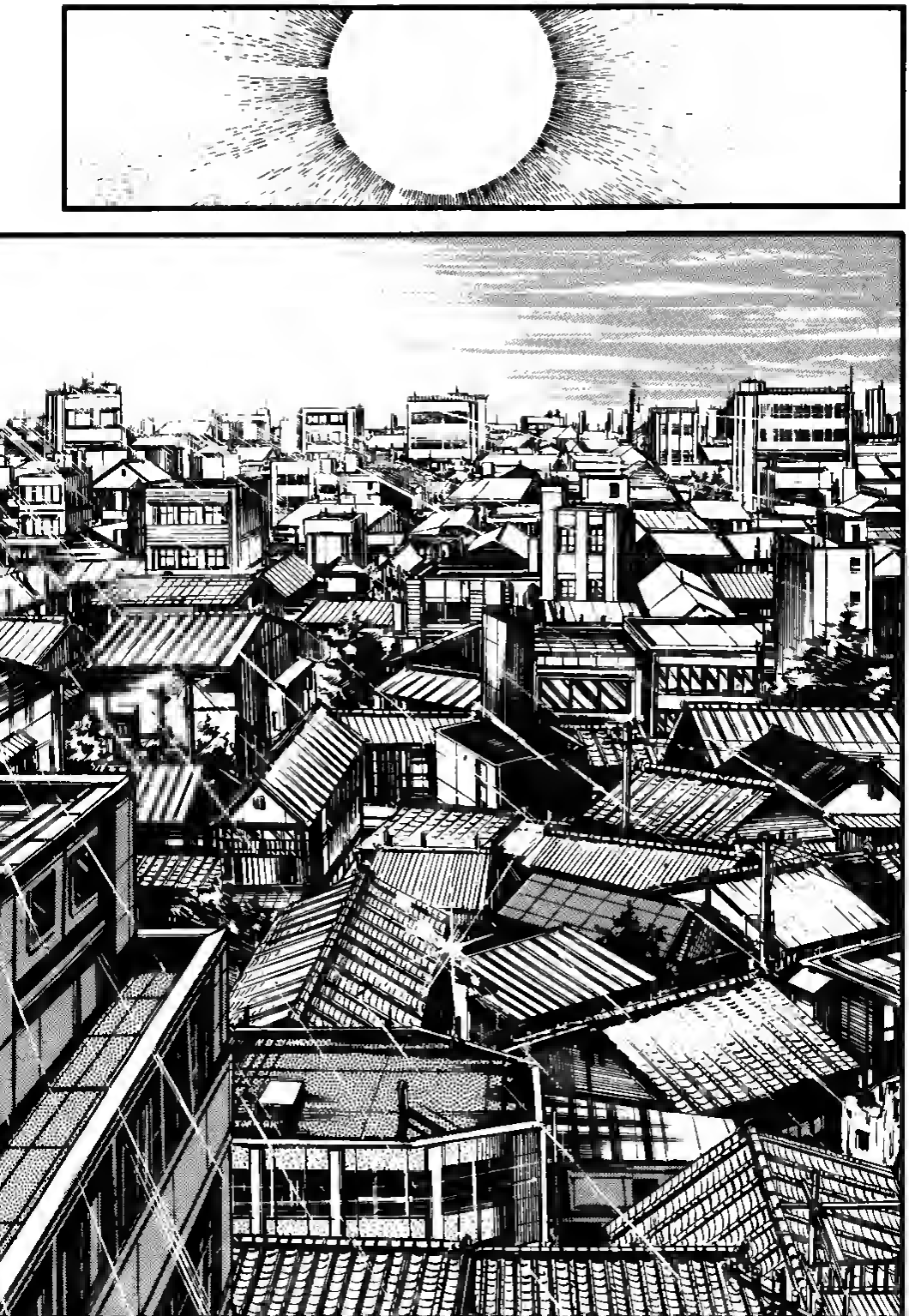
COME ON, MANABU.
HAVE YOU HAD A GOOD LOOK? LET'S GO BACK DOWN.

ARE THERE SCHOOLS HERE?
BY THE WAY, DO YOU GO TO SCHOOL?
THERE ARE SCHOOLS, BUT... I NEVER GO.
WHY? WHY DON'T YOU?
HUH?
PLEASE, MIKI...
COULD YOU TAKE ME INTO THE CITY WITH YOU TOMORROW? I PROMISE I'LL KEEP A LOW PROFILE...
...

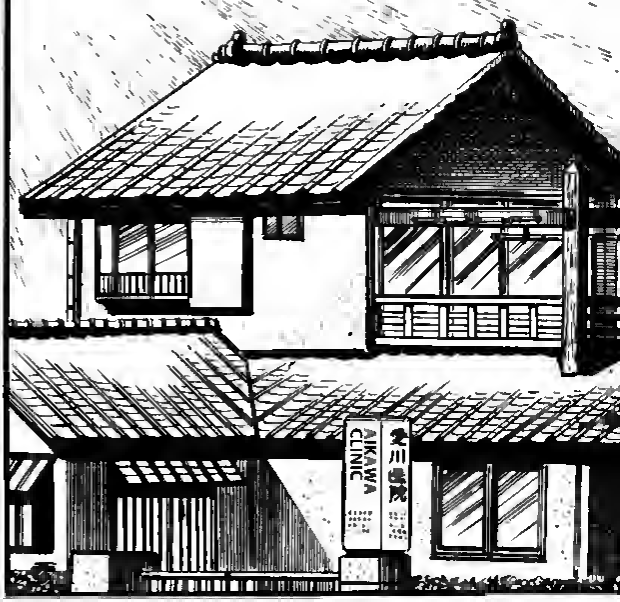
?
I DON'T WANT TO BECOME ONE OF THEM SO... I DON'T GO TO SCHOOL.
THE SCHOOLS HERE ARE ATTENDED ONLY BY... A SPECIAL CLASS OF PEOPLE.

...
...
... GOOD NIGHT... THEN...
HUH!?
GOOD NIGHT, SATORU...
I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW. I'LL SEE YOU TOMORROW.


HE COULDN'T REMEMBER THE LAST TIME HE'D SLEPT INSIDE A REAL HOUSE, IN A PROPER ROOM, ON A COMFORTABLE MATTRESS. IT FELT SO GOOD THAT HE IMMEDIATELY FORGOT HIS TROUBLES AND FELL SOUNDLY ASLEEP.



...WHAT? YOU'RE GOING INTO THE CITY?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YES.
MIKI SAID SHE'D SHOW ME AROUND.

AM I NOT ALLOWED INTO THE CITY EVEN DURING THE DAY?
...
B-BUT HONEY... SHOULDN'T YOU SAY SOMETHING?

...
?

...GOING OUTSIDE IS... VERY DANGER-OUS!
B-UT... BUT...

WE CAN'T FORCE HIM TO STAY INDOORS FOREVER... CAN WE?

WELL, THEN, SATORU. ARE YOU READY?
ABSO-LUTELY.
I'LL SEE YOU LATER!
AND TRY NOT TO BE SEEN BY THE NEIGHBOURS.
GO AHEAD AND SHOW HIM AROUND THE CITY, MIKI. BUT BE VERY CAREFUL! DON'T FORGET THAT SATORU IS NEW HERE.
...
I'LL BE CAREFUL, DAD.
...
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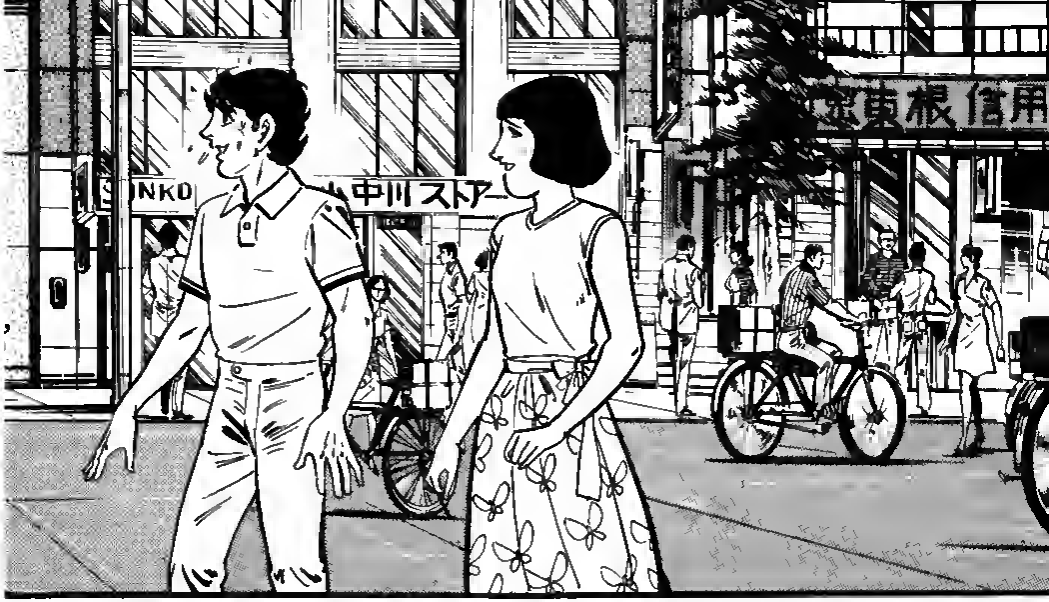
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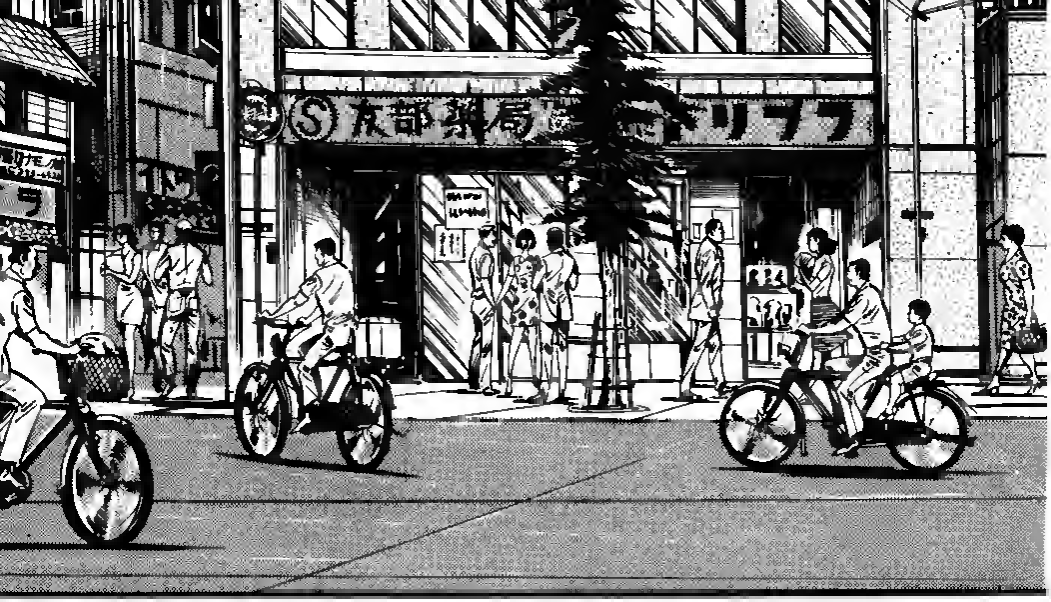
NAKASHIMA SNACKS
HE WAS IN THE CITY OF HIS DREAMS, BACK IN THE CIVILIZED WORLD, A PLACE HE'D NEVER IMAGINED HE WOULD SEE AGAIN...



I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES! I JUST CAN'T!
A CITY... A REAL CITY!

...AND CLOTHES! THEY SELL CLOTHES TOO!

...AND LOOK AT THOSE BAGS!

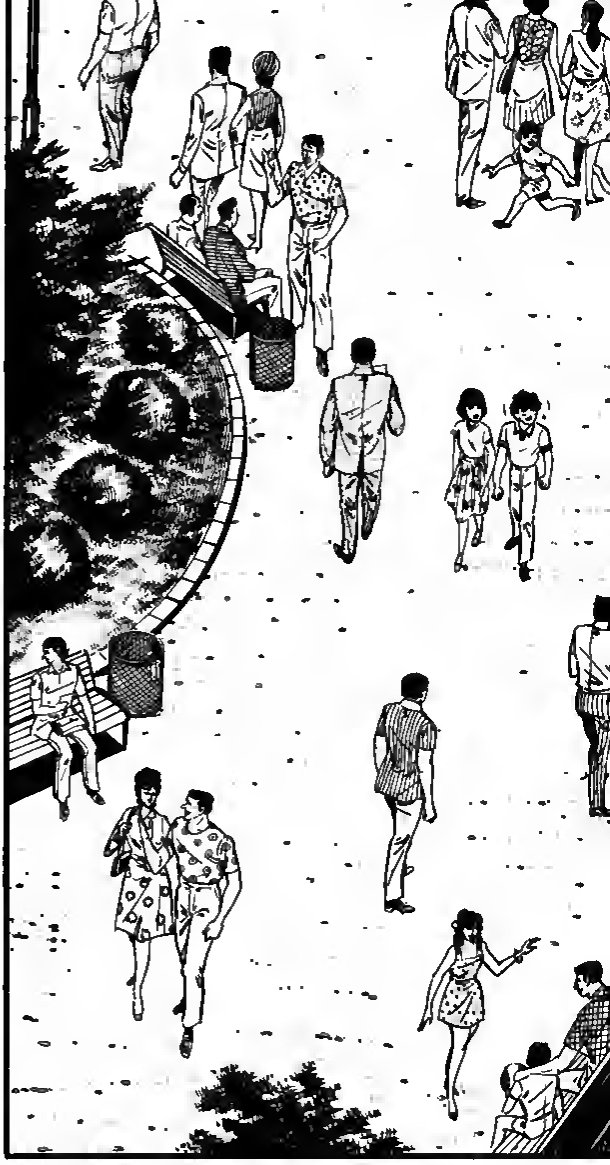
THEY EVEN HAVE SHOES!

STOP IT, PLEASE! PEOPLE ARE LOOKING AT US!
IT'S INCREDIBLE! TRULY INCREDIBLE!

NO, DON'T! STOP, PLEASE!

AH, AH, AH! YIPPEE! YIPPEE!

AFTER SO LONG IN THE WILDERNESS, SATORU'S SPIRITS LIFTED ONCE AGAIN. THE SIGHT OF SO MANY PEOPLE REKINDLED THE HOPE THAT HIS FAMILY COULD STILL BE ALIVE.



HE'S THE MAYOR OF OUR CITY.
WHO'S THAT?

COME ON, LET'S GO.

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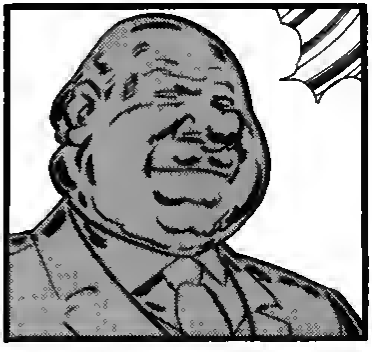

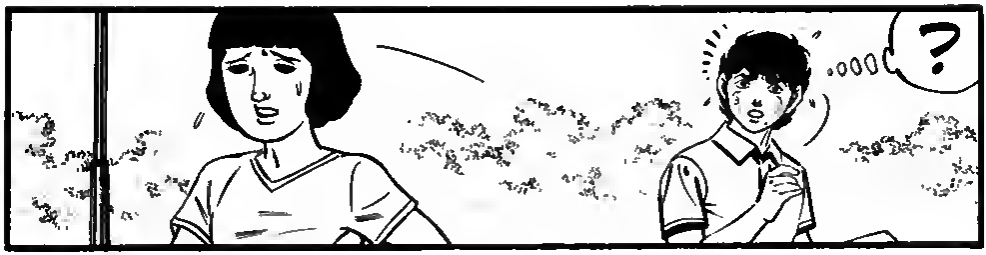
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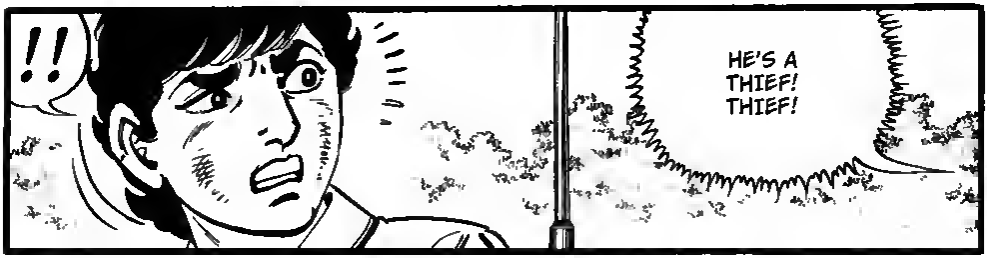
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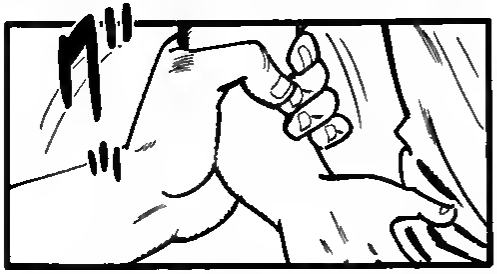
HE'S A THIEF! THIEF!

THIEF!

STOP HIM!



LET ME GO, LET ME GO!

STOP HIM!

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LE-LET HIM GO, PLEASE!
LET ME GO!

LET HIM GO, QUICK!
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COME HERE!
HELP ME, HELP ME!
HEY! CALM DOWN, WILL YOU?
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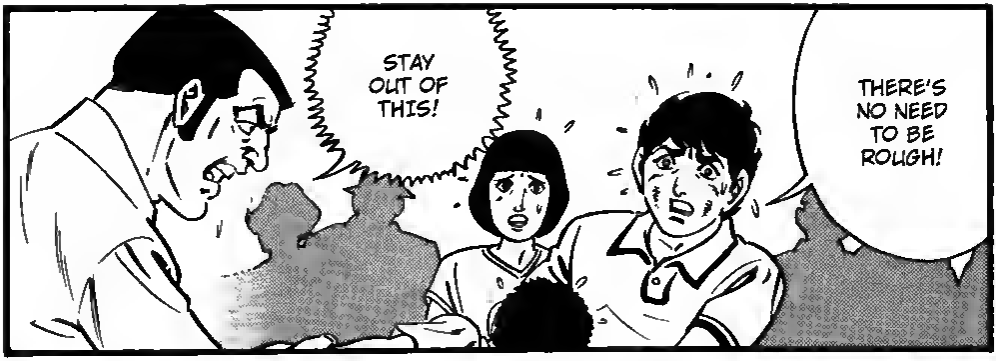
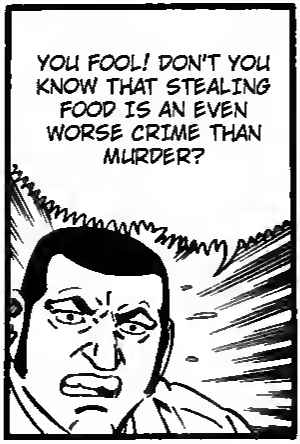
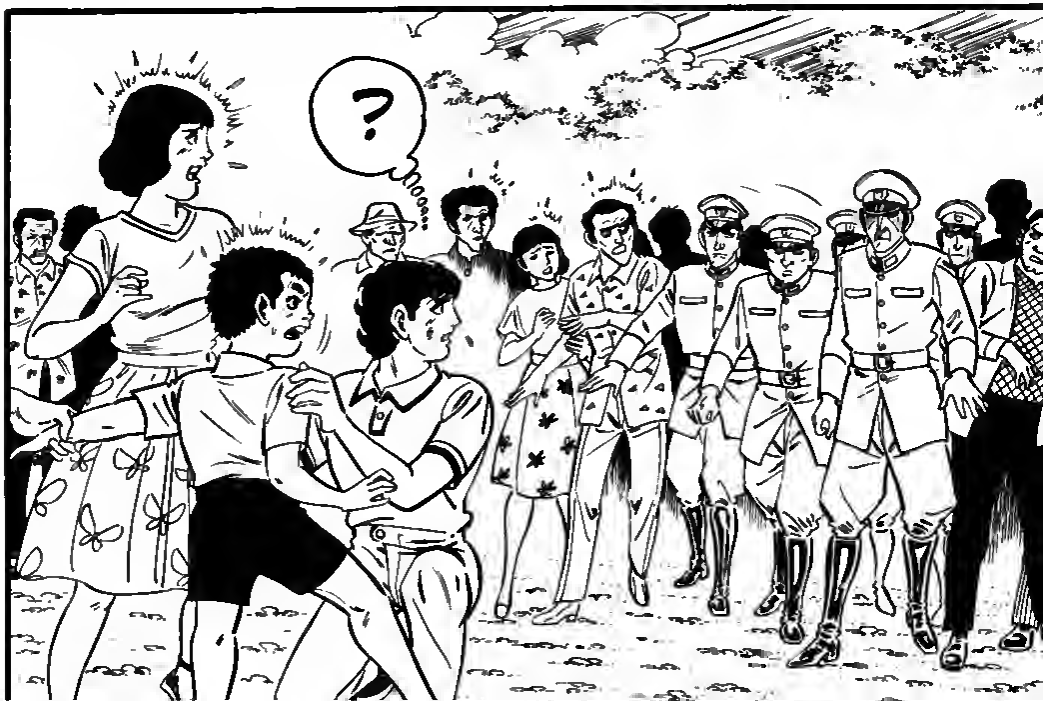
YOU DIRTY RAT!


STAY OUT OF THIS!
THERE'S NO NEED TO BE ROUGH!

WHAT?


YOU FOOL! DON'T YOU KNOW THAT STEALING FOOD IS AN EVEN WORSE CRIME THAN MURDER?

APOLOGIZE TO THIS MAN AND YOU CAN GO HOME.
HE'S JUST HUNGRY. RIGHT?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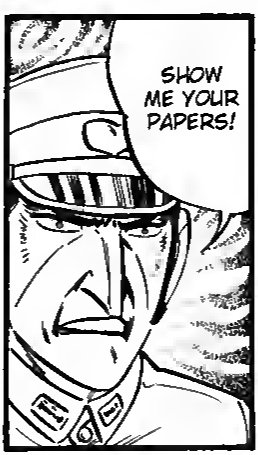
YES, SIR.
NOOO! NOOO!
NOO!
SATORU, PLEASE!
HEY, WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
UNHHH!



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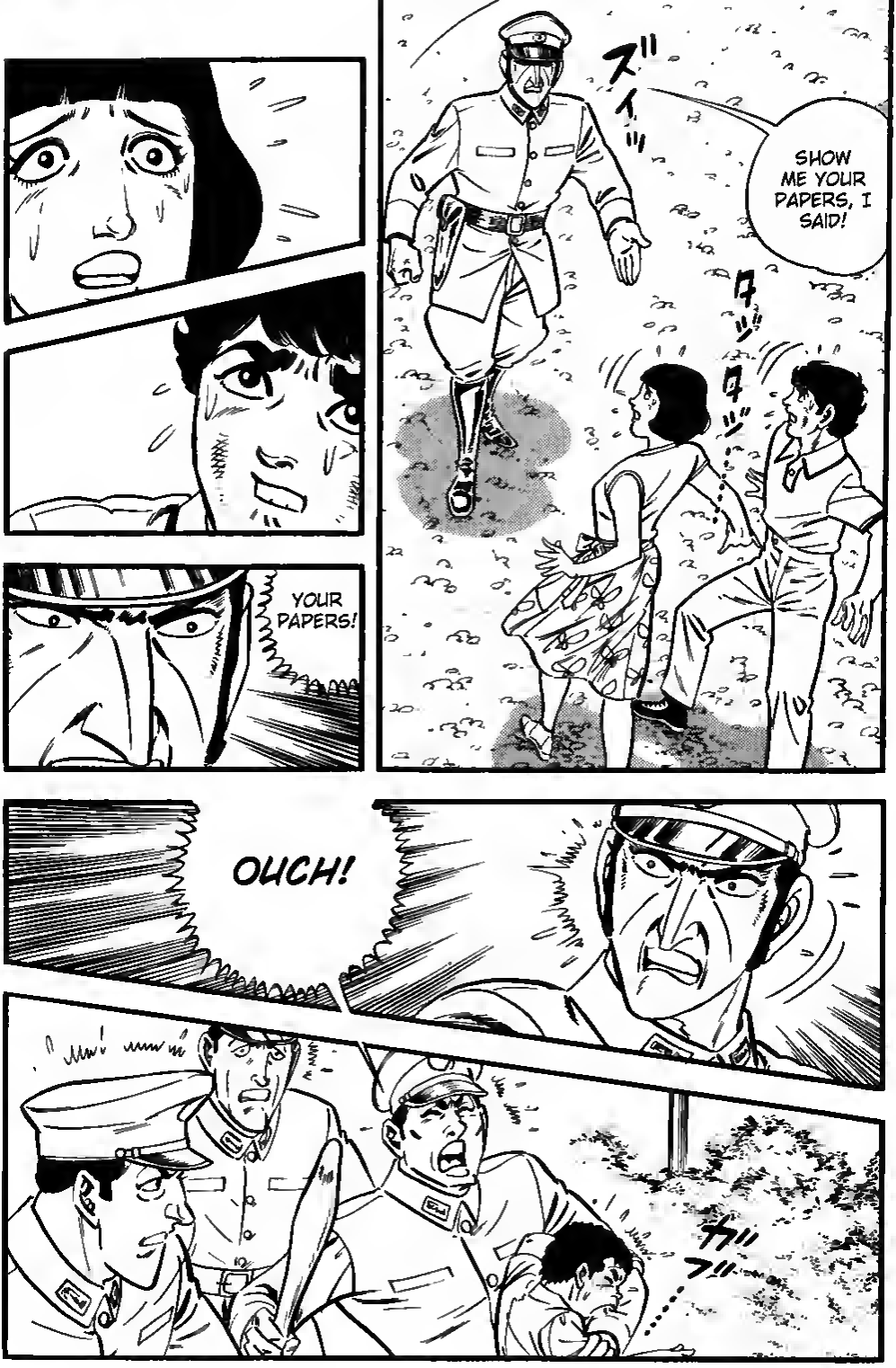
DANGER 4


SHOW ME YOUR PAPERS, I SAID!
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YOUR PAPERS!
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QUICK!
AH!
STOP!

MOVE! OUT OF THE WAY!

STOP RIGHT THERE!
STOP!

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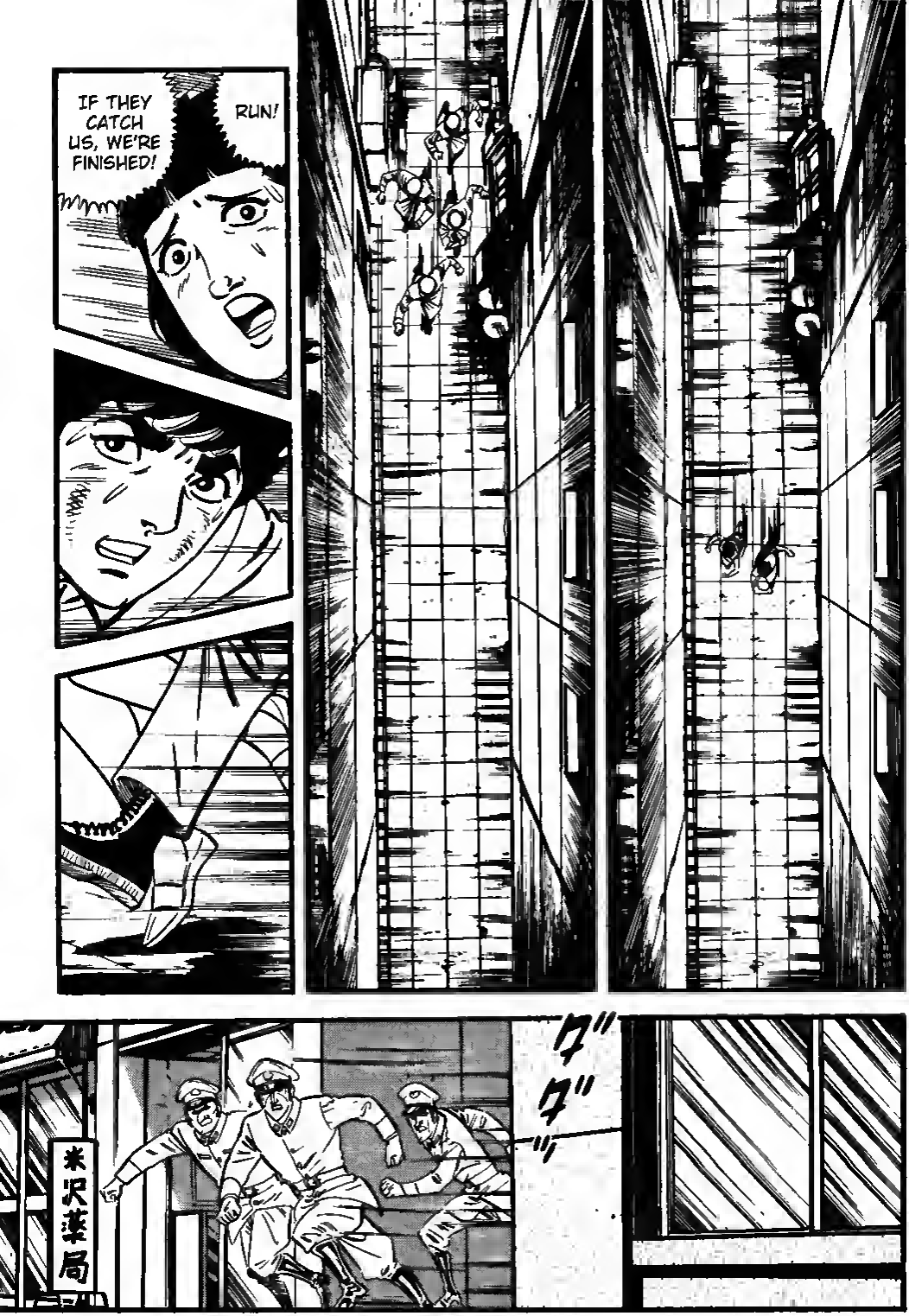
IF THEY CATCH US, IT'S THE END!


IF THEY CATCH US, WE'RE FINISHED!
RUN!
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WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM!
FIND THEM!

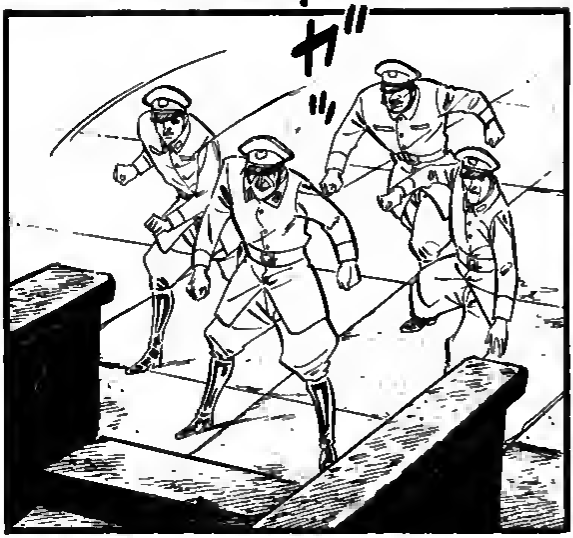
SHIT! WHERE THE HELL HAVE THEY GONE?

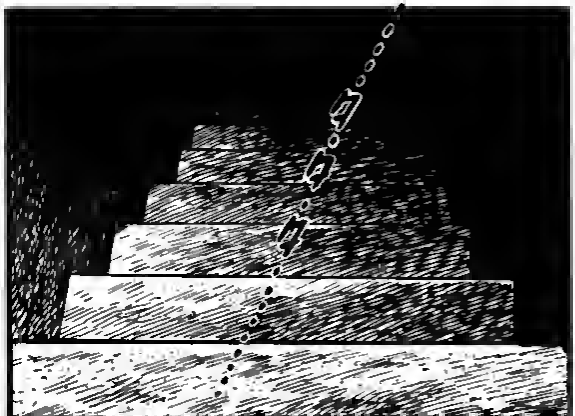
THERE THEY ARE!

HURRY UP!
WE CAN'T GO DOWN THERE!

NO, DON'T!

IDIOTS! WE GOT THEM!





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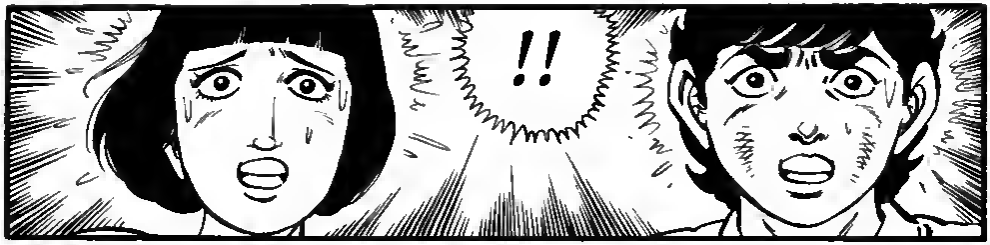

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YOU! DID YOU SEE ANYBODY RUNNING THIS WAY?

I ASKED YOU A QUESTION!

SHIT! A DEAD END!

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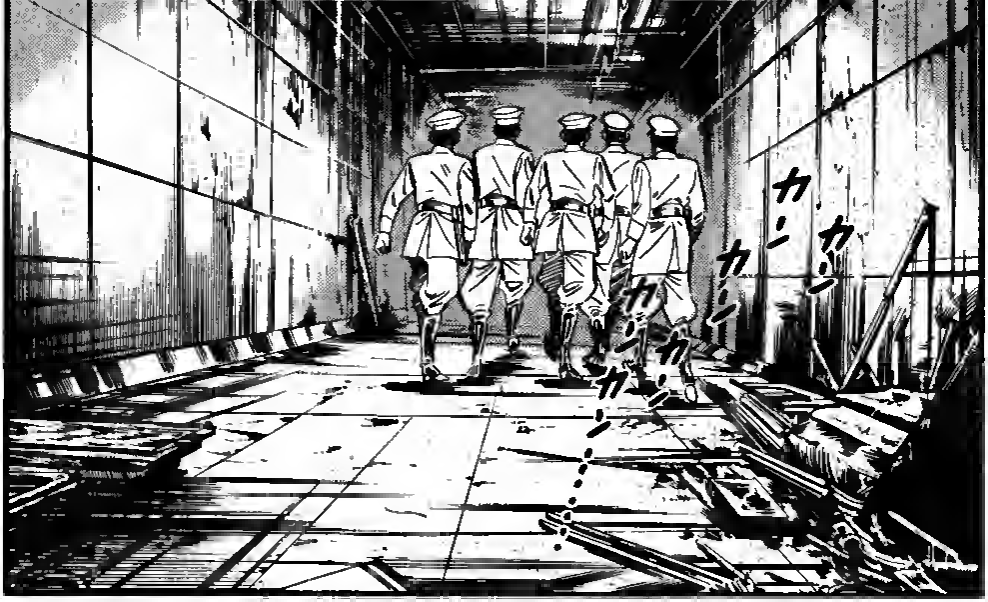
HE WAS A DANGER-OUS CRIM-INAL!
YOU'RE IN TROUBLE!
W-WHAT?
THE BOY... THE BREAD THIEF... HE SLIPPED AWAY!
I- I'M DEEPLY SORRY, S-SIR... I
YOU LET A DANGER-OUS CRIMINAL GET AWAY!
HELP ME FIND HIM, PLEASE!
I LOOKED AWAY FOR A SECOND AND HE...
Y-YES, YES, SIR!
...IF YOU DON'T BRING HIM BACK AT ONCE!
I'M SURE YOU KNOW WHAT WILL HAPPEN ...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IF THEY CATCH YOU, YOU'LL NEVER SEE THE LIGHT OF THE DAY AGAIN!
WE DON'T KNOW WHAT YOU DID BUT... GET OUT OF HERE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
YOU'LL SPEND THE REST OF YOUR DAYS IN A LABOUR CAMP ... LIKE US.

...FOR THEM TO BRAND YOU A CRIMINAL AND SENTENCE YOU TO HARD LABOUR.
IT DOESN'T TAKE A LOT ...
WHAT DID YOU DO TO END UP DOWN HERE?

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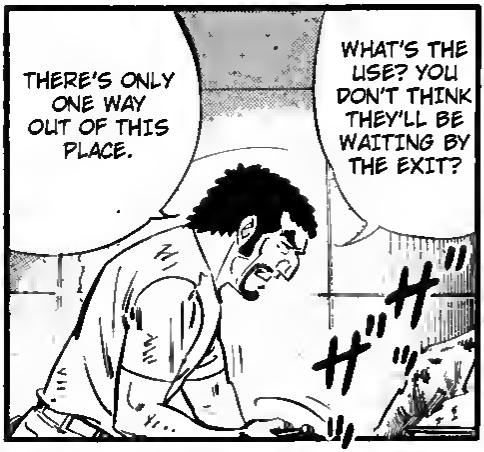
NOW SCRAM AND LET US FINISH OUR JOB. OR ELSE WE WON'T GET ANY FOOD TONIGHT.

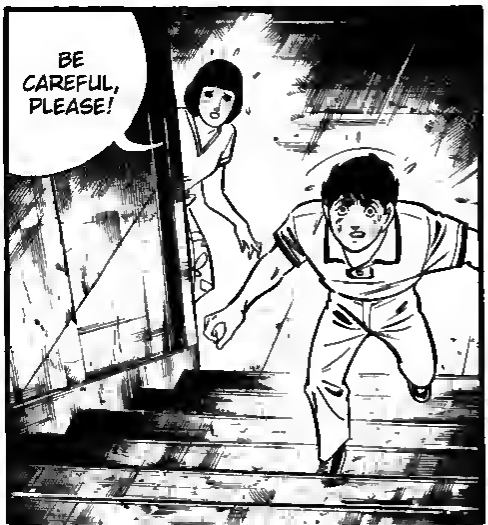

THERE'S ONLY ONE WAY OUT OF THIS PLACE.
WHAT'S THE USE? YOU DON'T THINK THEY'LL BE WAITING BY THE EXIT?

...

DON'T JUST STAND THERE, MOVE!

THEY'LL NEVER MAKE IT PAST THE GUARDS.

WAIT FOR ME HERE.


BE CAREFUL, PLEASE!

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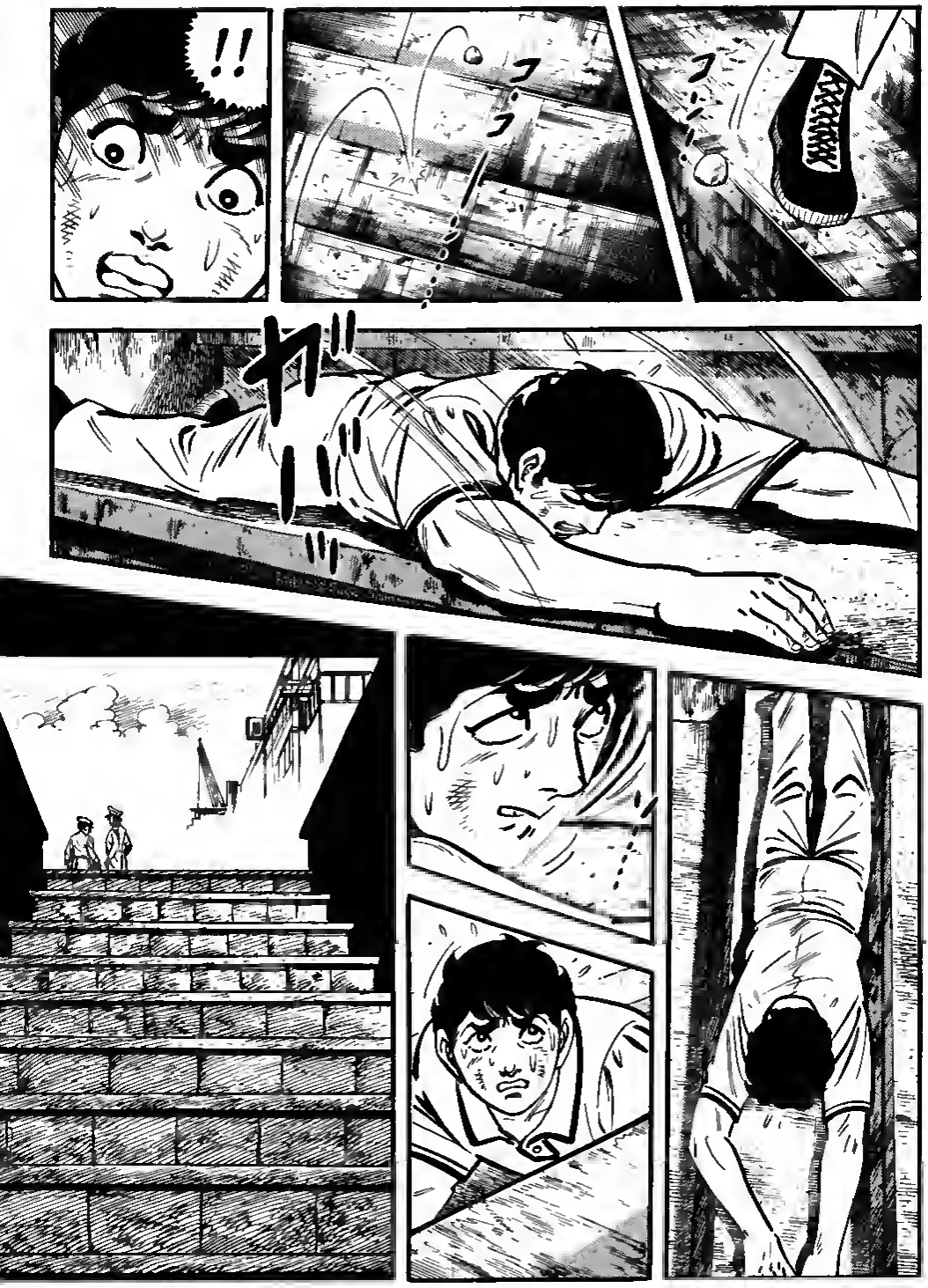
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CAN... CAN WE GET OUT?
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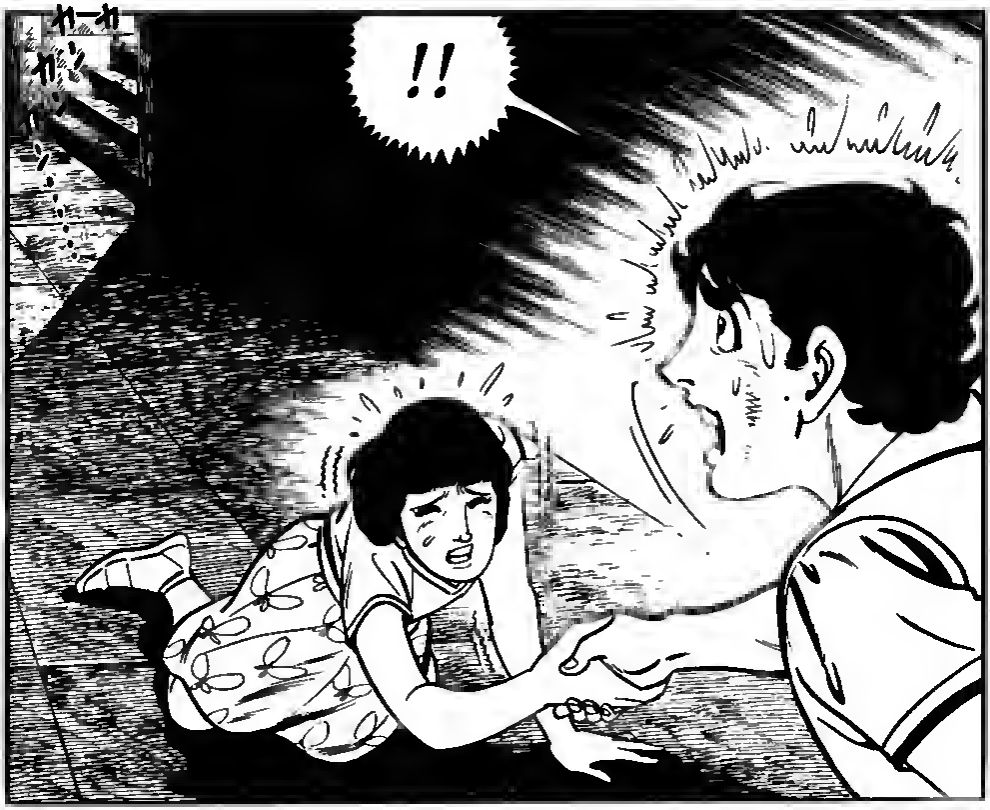
NO WAY. THEY LEFT A LOOK-OUT.
WE HAVE TO FIND A WAY TO DISTRACT THEM.
WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO?
THAT WAS THE ONLY WAY OUT!

SHIT! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU LET THAT RAT GET AWAY.

WE'VE GOT TO FIND THEM! AT ANY COST!
IF WE DON'T FIND THOSE OTHER TWO, THERE WILL BE HELL TO PAY!
THEY'RE COMING BACK THIS WAY!



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DANGER 5

I CAN'T! I THINK I SPRAINED MY ANKLE!
HURRY! GET UP!
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I CAN'T LEAVE YOU HERE!
I DO HAVE MY PAPERS ON ME… I'LL MANAGE SOMEHOW.
RUN, SATORU! LEAVE ME HERE!
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ADVANCE SLOWLY! LET'S CHECK EVERYWHERE!
THEY COULDN'T HAVE GONE VERY FAR, THEY MUST BE HIDING SOMEWHERE NEAR!
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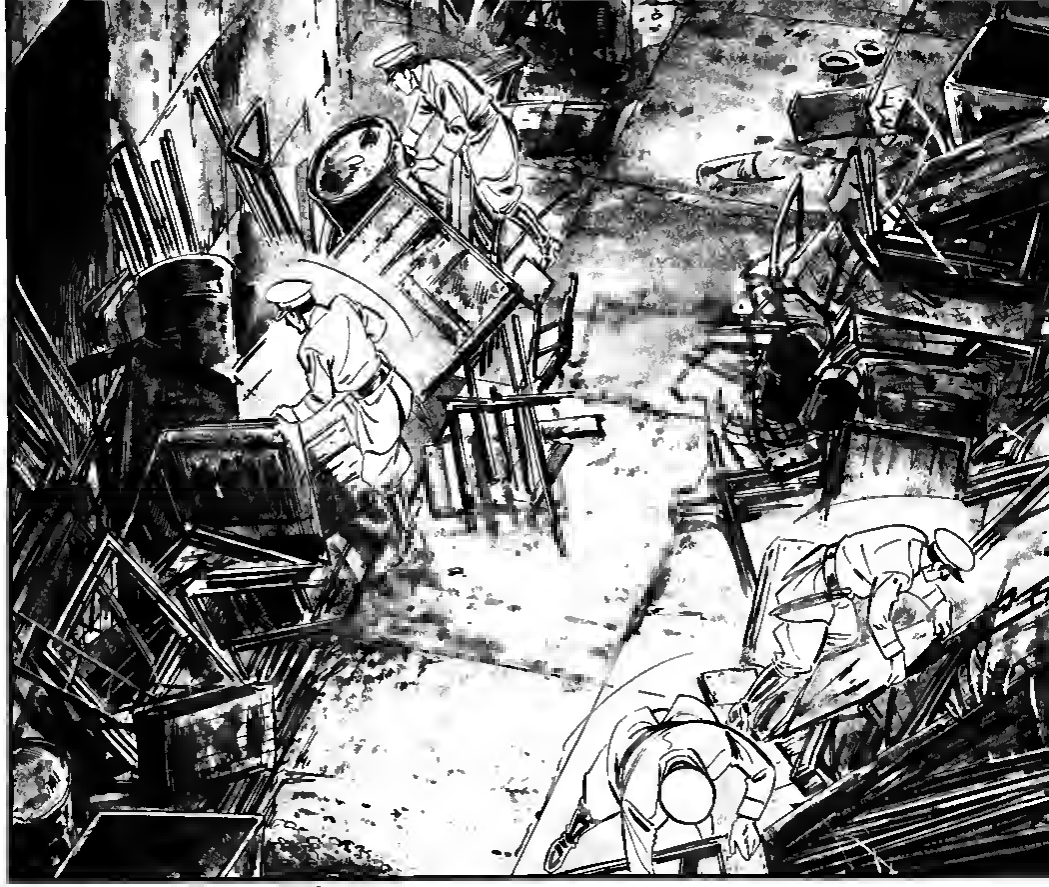

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HEY, GO HAVE A LOOK IN THE BACK!
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IT CAME FROM OVER THERE! THERE MUST'VE BEEN AN ACCIDENT IN THE WORKING AREA!

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NOW IT'S OUR CHANCE! HURRY!
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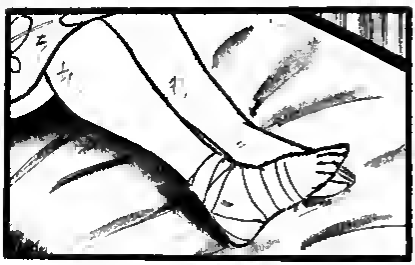

YOU'LL BE FINE...

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HUH?
...NOT RIGHT IN THIS PLACE.
SOME-THING IS...
...
...
...IT LOOKS JUST LIKE THE CITY WHERE WE USED TO LIVE... BUT DEEP DOWN, SOMETHING'S VERY WRONG...
ON THE SURFACE, IT LOOKS LIKE A VERY PEACEFUL CITY...
DARLING ...
WAIT FOR ME... I WON'T BE LONG...

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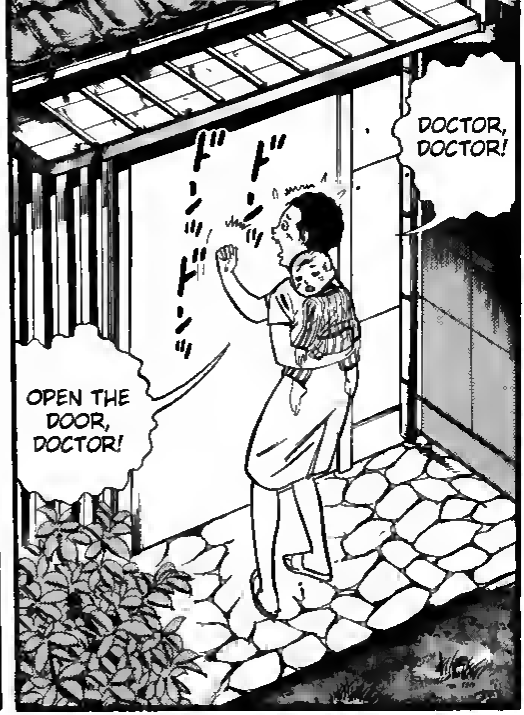
DOCTOR, DOCTOR!
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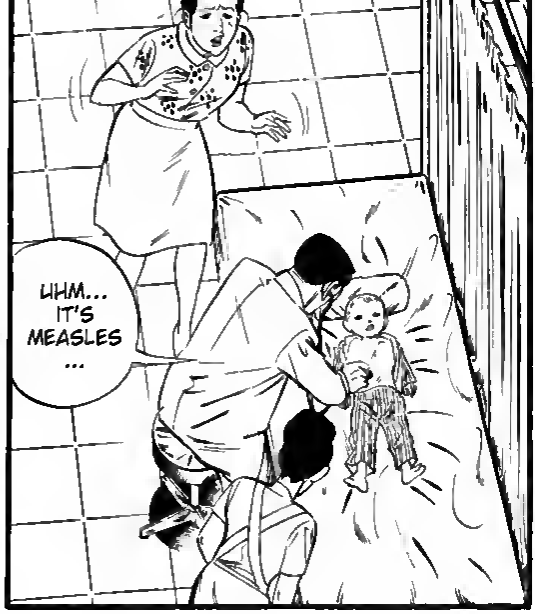
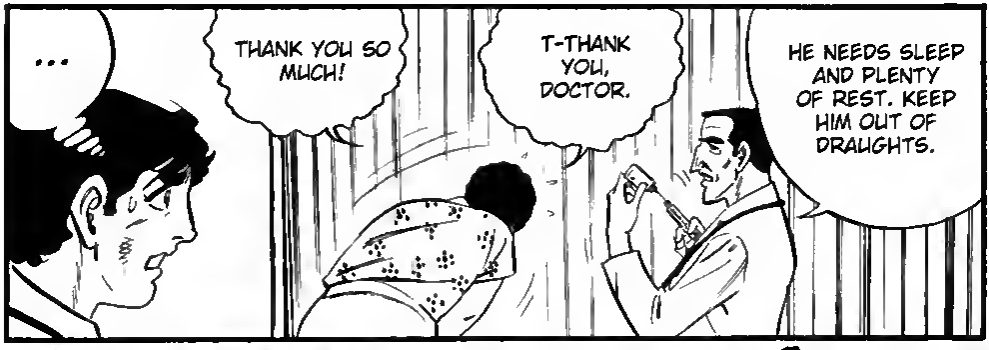
OPEN THE DOOR, DOCTOR!

STEP OVER HERE ...
MY CHILD... HE'S BURNING WITH FEVER!

WHAT'S THE MATTER?

YES, I THINK SO.
DO WE STILL HAVE CHLORO-MYCETIN?


UHM... IT'S MEASLES ...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THANK YOU SO MUCH!
T-THANK YOU, DOCTOR.
HE NEEDS SLEEP AND PLENTY OF REST. KEEP HIM OUT OF DRAUGHTS.

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...THE MAYOR!?
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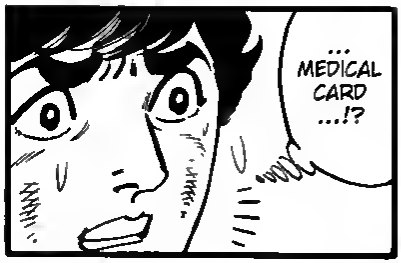
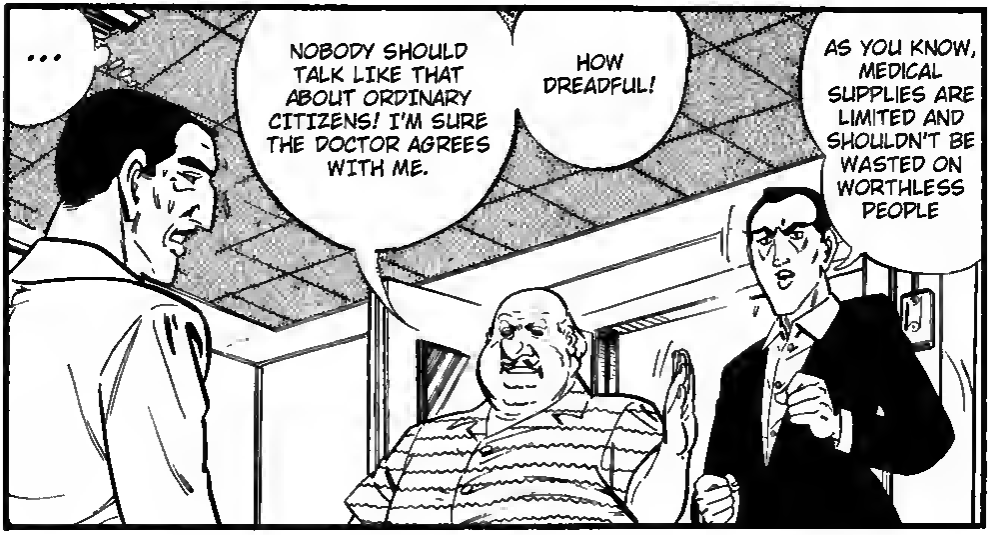

... MEDICAL CARD ...!?

I'M SURE YOU'RE AWARE THAT TREATING A PATIENT WHO DOESN'T HAVE ONE...
... CONSTI-TUTES A CRIME.

TREATING PATIENTS IS MY JOB.

DOCTOR, WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO SHOW ME...
...THAT PATIENT'S MEDICAL CARD?
...


...
NOBODY SHOULD TALK LIKE THAT ABOUT ORDINARY CITIZENS! I'M SURE THE DOCTOR AGREES WITH ME.
HOW DREADFUL!
AS YOU KNOW, MEDICAL SUPPLIES ARE LIMITED AND SHOULDN'T BE WASTED ON WORTHLESS PEOPLE

...
AM I RIGHT, DOCTOR?
NOTHING IS MORE PRECIOUS THAN SOMEONE'S LIFE... ANYBODY'S LIFE.
...
HELP ME!
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YES, SIR.
AND NOW, DOCTOR, IF YOU WILL...
NO ONE DARES DISOBEY HIS ORDERS...
NOW YOU SEE. THE WHOLE CITY IS UNDER THE MAYOR'S CONTROL.
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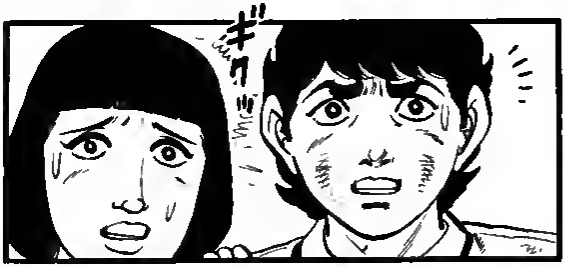
WELL ... ACTUALLY ...
HAVE YOU FOLLOWED THE DIET I PRESCRIBED YOU?
MY HEART HAS BEEN BOTHERING ME RECENTLY...
...I CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LIFE!
ABSOLUTELY NO MEAT NOR EGGS. IF YOU DON'T CHANGE YOUR EATING HABITS...
JUST GIVE ME A SHOT AND-
YOU NEED TO CUT BACK ON CALORIES.
YOU HAVE A VERY WEAK HEART.
OW, COME ON, DOCTOR!
...
DRUGS WON'T HELP YOU.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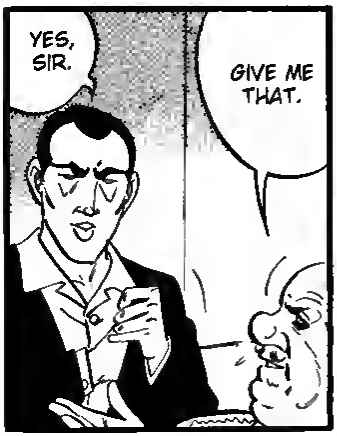
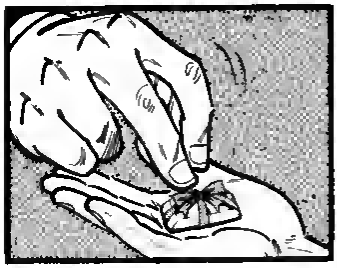
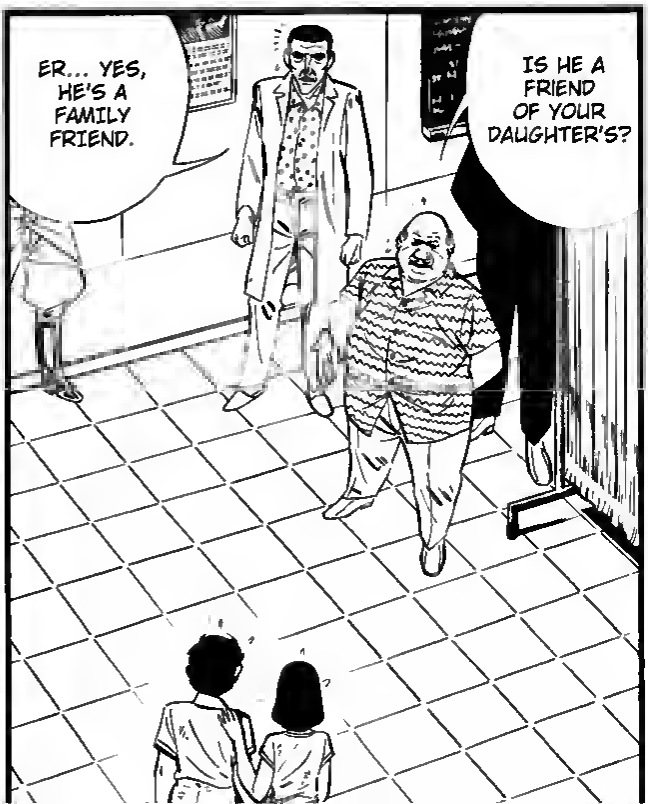

YES, SIR.
GIVE ME THAT.




ER... YES, HE'S A FAMILY FRIEND.
IS HE A FRIEND OF YOUR DAUGHTER'S?

IT'S WORTH MORE THAN DIAMONDS, THESE DAYS.
IT'S CHOCO-LATE.
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A PRESENT FOR YOU, YOUNG LADY.
YES, SIR.
PAY THE DOCTOR'S BILL.
AND IF IT SHOULDN'T BE ENOUGH, DON'T HESITATE TO ASK FOR MORE.
...
...
A. ...AND THESE ARE FOR CLOTHES.
THESE COUPONS ARE FOR RICE RATIONS ...

...
...YOU'LL END UP REGRETTING IT.
I'LL TELL YOU ONE MORE TIME, DOCTOR... IF YOU TREAT A PATIENT WHO DOESN'T HAVE A MEDICAL CARD...
...
...
...
LET'S GO...

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DARLING!

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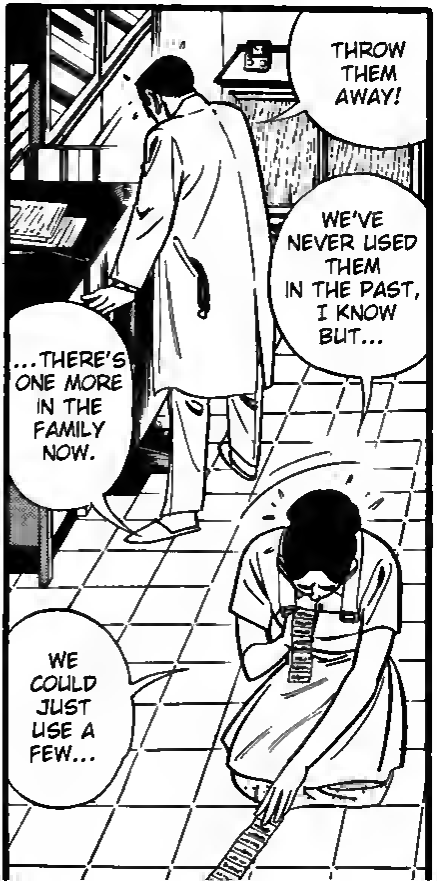
I UNDERSTAND YOU WANT TO US TO LIVE LIKE EVERYONE ELSE, WITHOUT ANY SPECIAL PRIVILEGES ...
BUT... BECAUSE OF YOUR PRINCIPLES, GRANDPA...
DON'T TALK LIKE THAT!


THROW THEM AWAY!
WE'VE NEVER USED THEM IN THE PAST, I KNOW BUT...
...THERE'S ONE MORE IN THE FAMILY NOW.
WE COULD JUST USE A FEW...

IT WAS GRANDPA'S FAVOURITE BONSAI...
I'M SURE YOUR DAD WON'T MIND.
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, MANABU?
I KNOCKED IT OVER BY MISTAKE!
...
GRANDPA IS NOT DEAD!
...IF YOU APOLOGIZE TO HIM IN YOUR HEART, HE WILL FORGIVE YOU.
EVEN IF HE'S DEAD...
...THAT'S WHEN YOU FOUND ME AND SAVED ME.
GRANDPA WENT TO THE "COUNTRYSIDE"... THAT'S WHY I'D GONE OFF LOOKING FOR HIM...
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...
...I WOULD MEET GRANDPA.
IF I WENT TO THE "COUNTRYSIDE" I THOUGHT ...
THE "COUNTRY-SIDE"?
I'LL GUIDE YOU THERE.
NO.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO, JUST SHOW ME THE WAY AND I-
BETTER STILL, I'LL TAKE YOU THERE.
MANABU, WON'T YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO THE "COUNTRY SIDE"?

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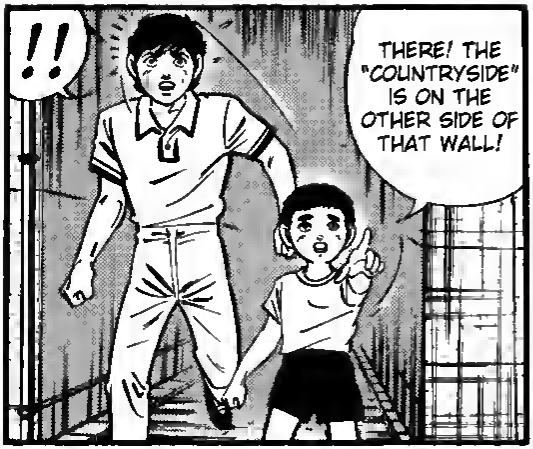
NOW!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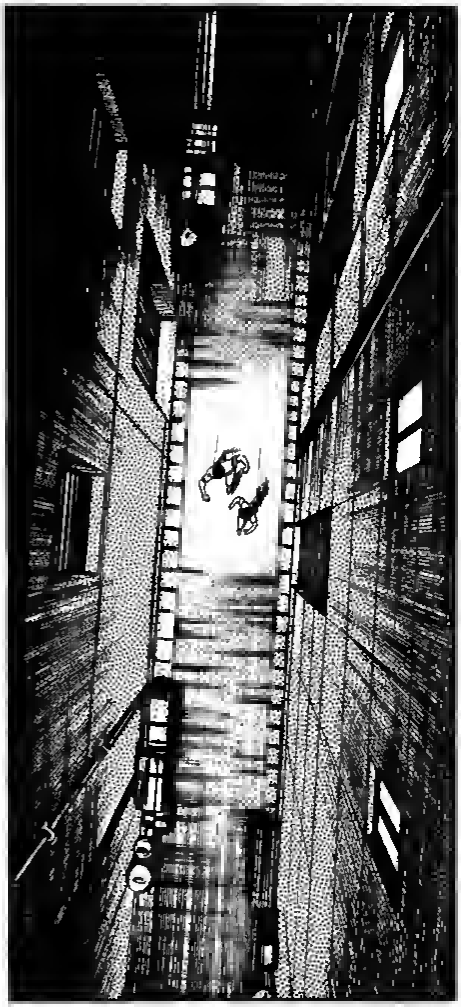
THERE! THE "COUNTRYSIDE" IS ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT WALL!



...HUH!?

CLIMBING OVER IT WON'T BE EASY...
DON'T WORRY, JUST FOLLOW ME.

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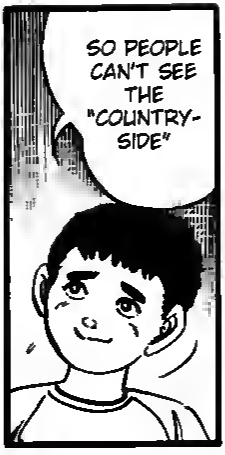
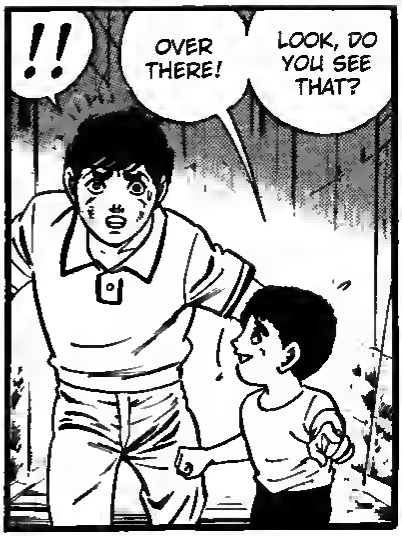

SO PEOPLE CAN'T SEE THE "COUNTRY-SIDE"

THAT'S RIGHT.
THERE ARE NO WINDOWS!?

THE WHOLE CITY SEEMS COMPLETELY SURROUNDED BY THIS WALL...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OVER THERE!
LOOK, DO YOU SEE THAT?

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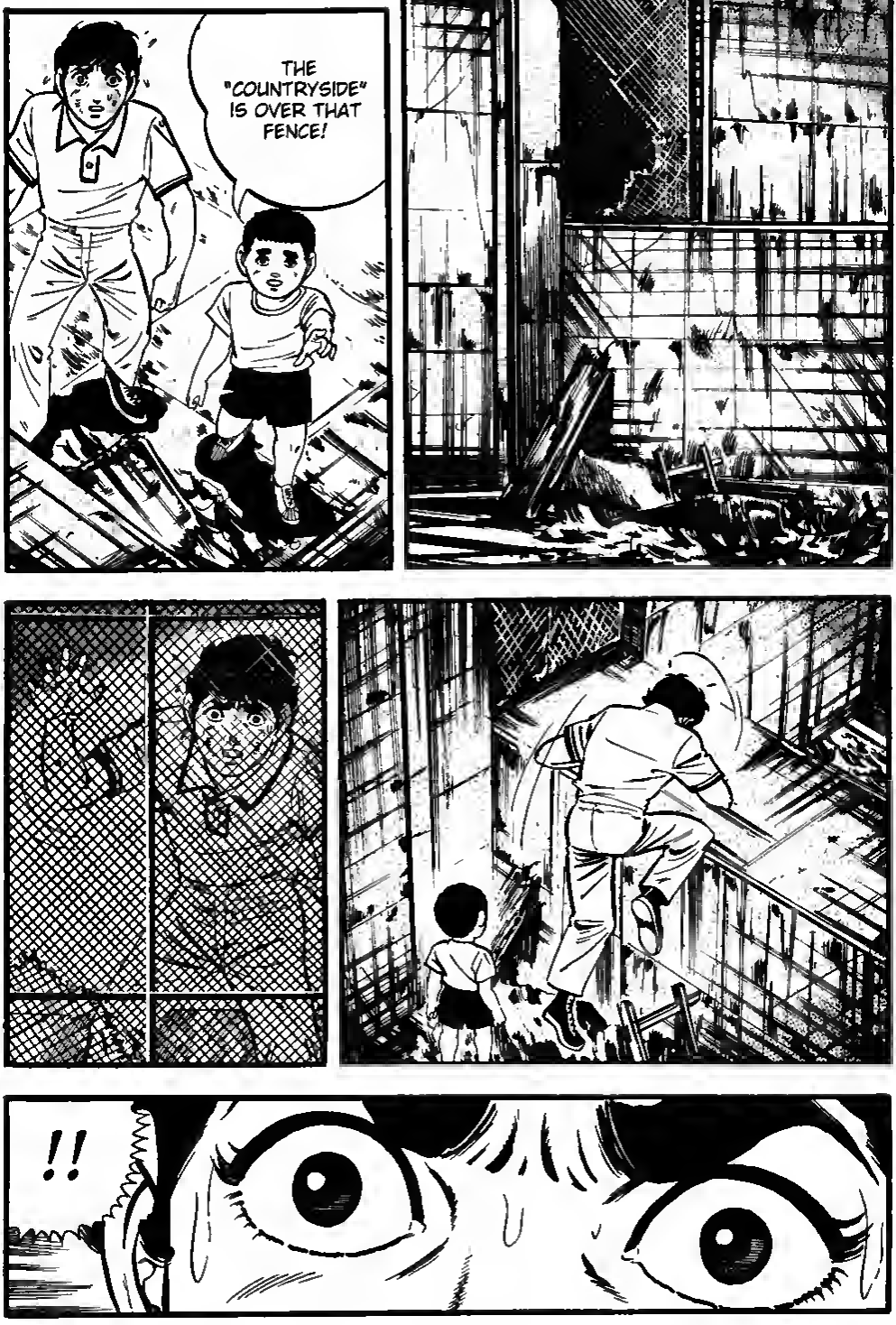
DANGER 6


THE "COUNTRYSIDE" IS OVER THAT FENCE!
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THAT... THAT'S THE "COUNTRYSIDE" ?

COME TO THINK OF IT...
...FROM THE BALCONY THE FAR END OF THE CITY LOOKED EERILY DARK...

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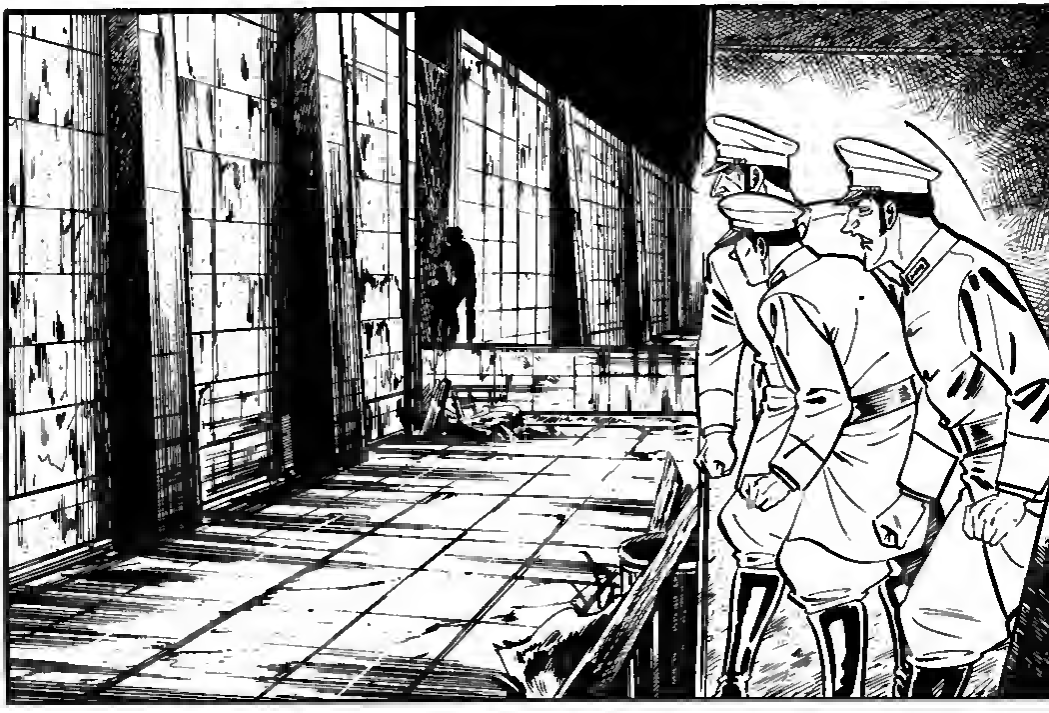
...IT MUST'VE BEEN THESE RUINS... THE CITY IS SURROUNDED BY RUINS... IT'S LIKE AN OASIS!



LET'S FOLLOW HIM TO HIS HIDEOUT!
WAIT!
SHIT! HE WON'T GET AWAY THIS TIME!
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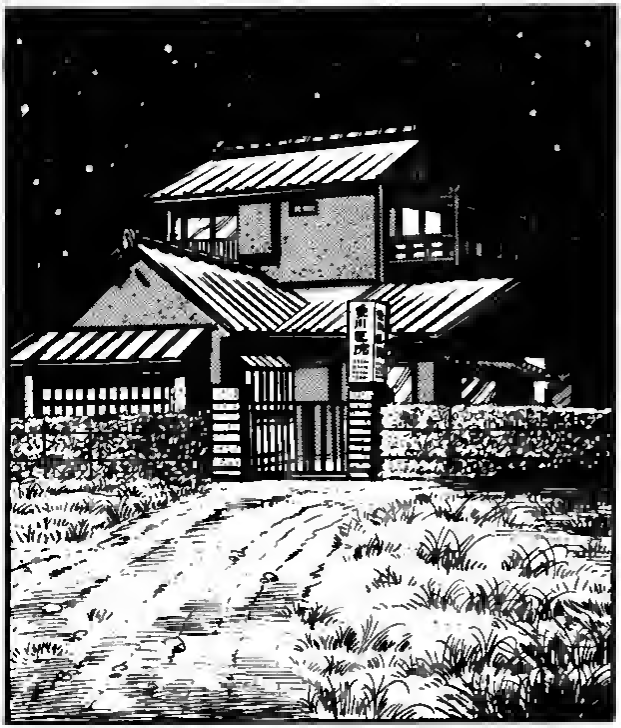
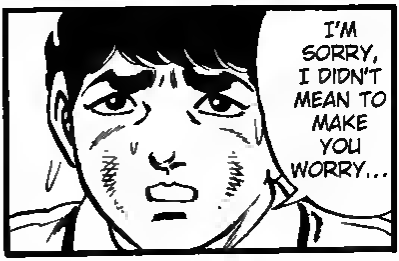
WHAT ?
IT'S GONE!
OOH!
ENOUGH RUNNING AROUND FOR TONIGHT, MANABU. YOUR FAMILY WILL BE WORRIED. TIME TO GO BACK!
I SEE. LOOKS LIKE IT'S BEEN MENDED RECENTLY.
THERE WAS A HOLE IN THE FENCE, RIGHT HERE. THAT'S HOW I SNEAKED INTO THE "COUNTRYSIDE".



SO THAT'S WHERE HE WAS HIDING, HUH?

IT'S NOT HIS FAULT! I INSISTED ON TAKING HIM THERE!


I'M SORRY, I DIDN'T MEAN TO MAKE YOU WORRY...

ANYWAY, NOW YOU KNOW ABOUT THE "COUNTRY-SIDE"...

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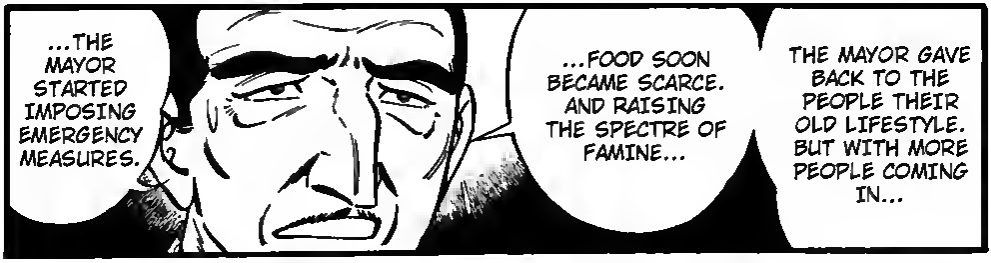
...SURVIVORS STARTED GATHERING AND A SETTLEMENT WAS BORN...
IN THE PAST THIS CITY USED TO BE JUST LIKE THOSE RUINS... THEN SOME PEOPLE ARRIVED...


...THE MAYOR STARTED IMPOSING EMERGENCY MEASURES.
...FOOD SOON BECAME SCARCE. AND RAISING THE SPECTRE OF FAMINE...
THE MAYOR GAVE BACK TO THE PEOPLE THEIR OLD LIFESTYLE. BUT WITH MORE PEOPLE COMING IN...

BECAUSE THEY ARE AFRAID TO DIE.
WHY HAVEN'T THE PEOPLE RISEN AGAINST HIM?

BUT MANABU SAID THAT HIS GRANDPA WENT TO THE "COUNTRYSIDE". WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

...AHEM...
WELL, YOU SEE...

...
AND IF WE LEFT THIS PLACE, THERE'S NOWHERE ELSE WE COULD GO TO...

HE'S NOT HERE! I'M TELLING YOU HE'S NOT HERE!
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THEY'RE HERE! - THE POLICE ARE HERE!
WA-WAIT HERE, PLEASE! I'M GOING TO CALL MY HUSBAND AND HE-
WE KNOW HE'S INSIDE!
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TAKE THESE WITH YOU. THEY'RE FOOD COUPONS!
SATORU.
RUN! IF THEY CATCH YOU, IT'S THE DEATH PENALTY OR THE LABOUR CAMPS!
OH NO! THEY POSTED A SENTINEL IN THE BACK TOO!
...
B-BUT ... WHAT WILL THEY DO TO YOU?
I GOT IT! I'LL DRAW HIS ATTENTION WHILE YOU RUN THE OTHER WAY!

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SEE YOU LATER!
I'LL BE FINE. I'M A CITIZEN AND I HAVE A VALID ID!
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STOP! GET BACK!

GOT YOU!

HE MADE IT!

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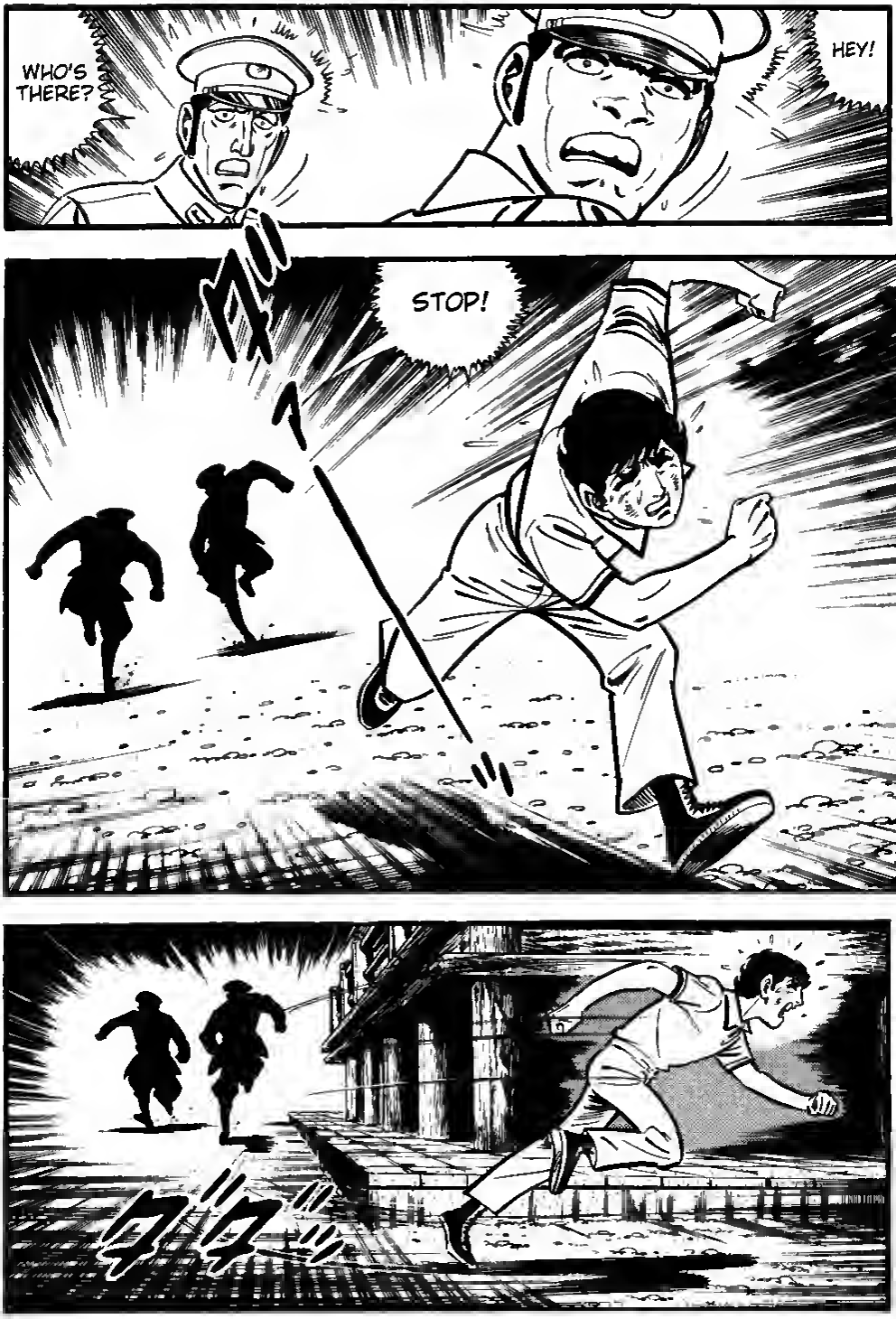
WHO'S THERE?
HEY!
STOP!
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OVER THERE!
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WHY ARE THEY AFTER YOU?
...

IT'S BECAUSE... I'M NOT FROM HERE.
YOU DON'T LOOK DANGEROUS. WHY ARE THEY CHASING YOU?
I SEE... YOU'VE SNEAKED IN FROM THE "COUNTRYSIDE".
DON'T BE AFRAID, FRIEND. I'M ON YOUR SIDE.
...
I WAS TAKEN IN BY A LOCAL FAMILY... THEY LOOKED AFTER ME...
BUT WHY ARE YOUR CLOTHES SO CLEAN, THEN?
...OR THEY'D TURNED THEMSELVES INTO MACHINES, AH, AH, AH!
I THOUGHT EVERYBODY IN TOWN EITHER SUCKED UP TO THE MAYOR...
...HARD TO BELIEVE!
REALLY? YOU MEAN THERE'RE STILL COMPASSIONATE PEOPLE IN THIS CITY?
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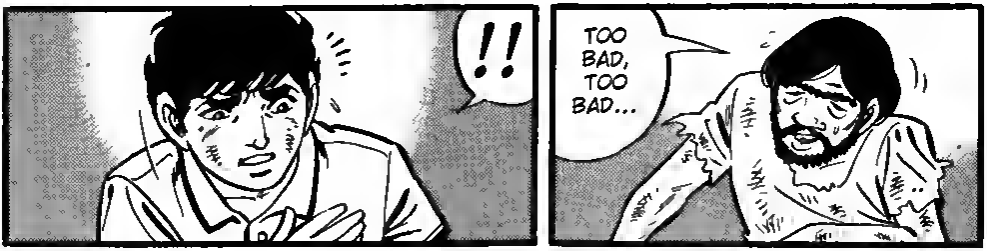

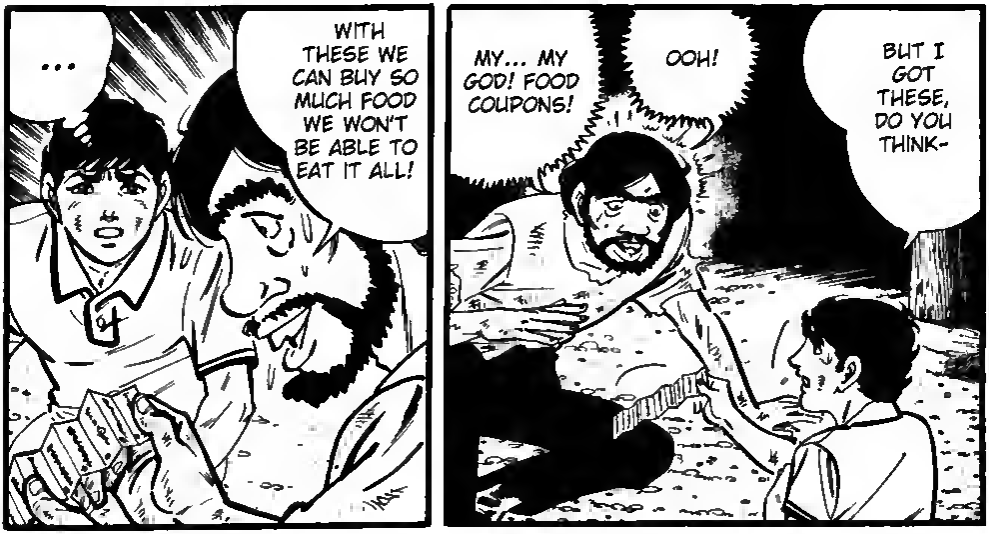

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DANGER 7

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RAHAINA RESTAURANT

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EH, EH, EH!
GREAT FOOD! I HADN'T EATEN THIS GOOD IN AGES!

JUDGING FROM THIS RESTAURANT, ONE WOULD THINK THIS IS A PERFECTLY NORMAL CITY BUT...
... MIKI... WHAT WILL THEY DO TO YOU...?

DINNER IN RESTAU RANTS WITH THEIR FAMILY...

...AS LONG AS HE MAKES SUCH A LIFESTYLE POSSIBLE.
NOBODY WILL STAND UP AGAINST THE MAYOR...
...DINNER WITH ONE'S FAMILY...
NO IDEA. I COULDN'T RECOGNIZE THEM ONLY FROM YOUR DESCRIPTION.
COULD THEY BE LIVING... IN THIS CITY?
SO... ARE YOU GOING TO KEEP WALKING AND LOOKING FOR YOUR FAMILY FOREVER?
!
UHM... THE MAYOR WOULD PROBABLY HAVE ONE.
WHERE CAN I FIND A LIST OF ALL THE PEOPLE LIVING IN THIS CITY?

...
AFTER ALL, HE REGARDS PEOPLE IN THIS CITY AS HIS OWN PRIVATE POSSESSIONS.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
I'M SURE THEY'RE STILL ALIVE! I'LL ASK AROUND IF ANYBODY HAS SEEN THEM IN TOWN...
KNOW WHAT? I'M NOT REALLY FULL YET... COULD WE ORDER SOME MORE DISHES?
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A STEAK, PLEASE. BRING IT RAW IF YOU HAVE TO, BUT PLEASE HURRY!
YOUNG LADY!
HERE, TAKE. I HAVE A FEW COUPONS LEFT.
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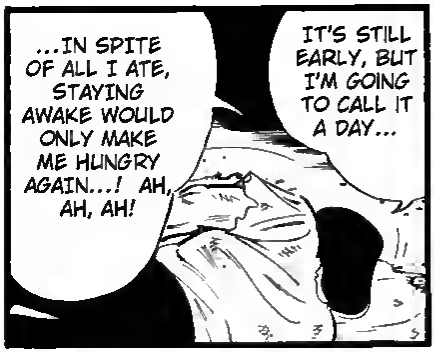
FABULOUS!

THANK YOU...
WHY DON'T YOU STAY AT MY PLACE IN THE MEANTIME? YOU'LL BE SAFE THERE.
YOU HAVE TO BE PATIENT. IT WILL TAKE TIME TO FIND THEM!

NO NEED TO BE SO PRIM AND PROPER WITH ME. I'M YOUR FRIEND, REMEMBER!

IT'S SMALL BUT... YOU'LL BE ABLE TO GET SOME REST HERE. MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME.
IT'S VERY KIND OF YOU.


IT'S STILL EARLY, BUT I'M GOING TO CALL IT A DAY...
...IN SPITE OF ALL I ATE, STAYING AWAKE WOULD ONLY MAKE ME HUNGRY AGAIN...! AH, AH, AH!

SAY... WHAT ABOUT WE HAVE CHINESE FOOD TOMORROW?

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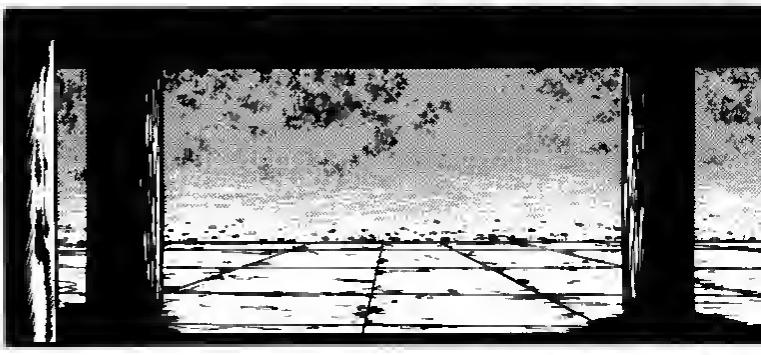

I WONDER WHAT WILL HAPPEN TO THEM...?

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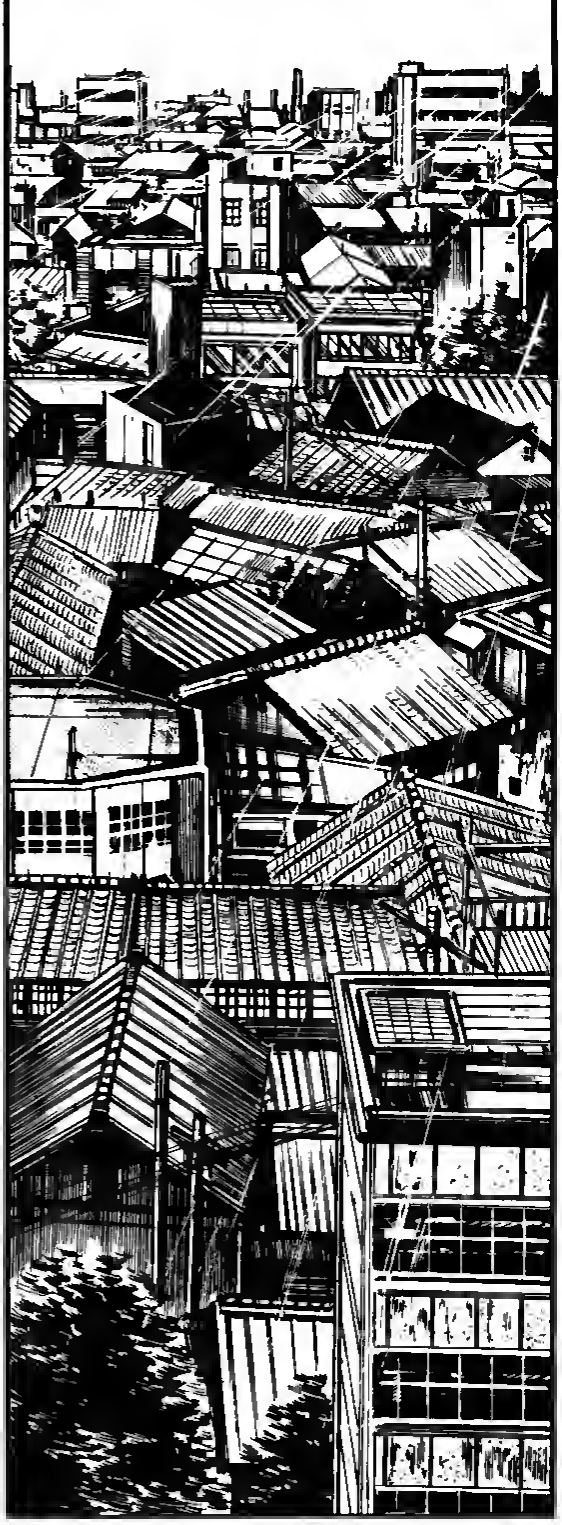

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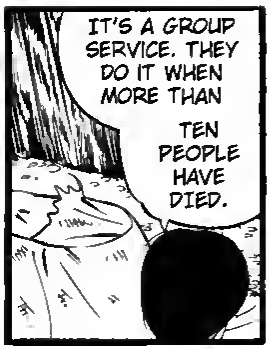
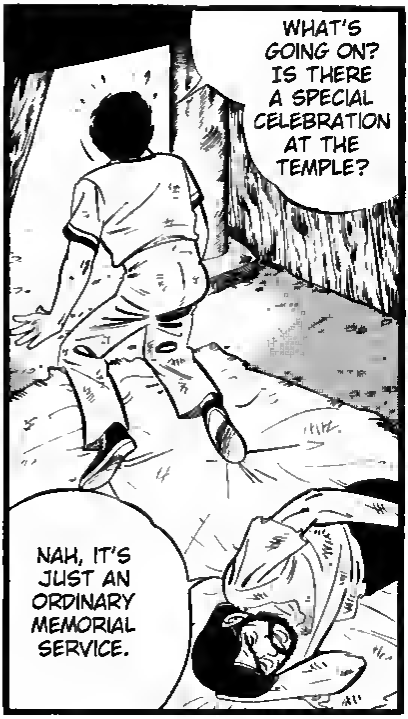
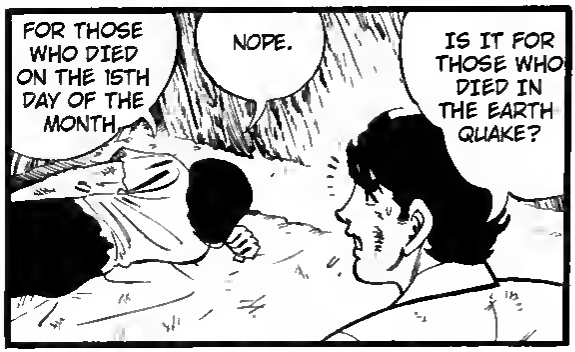

IT'S A GROUP SERVICE. THEY DO IT WHEN MORE THAN TEN PEOPLE HAVE DIED.

BUT WHY...
...SO MANY PEOPLE?

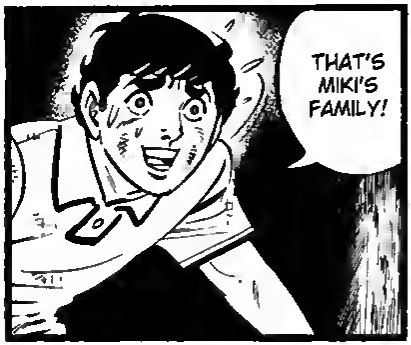

WHAT'S GOING ON? IS THERE A SPECIAL CELEBRATION AT THE TEMPLE?
NAH, IT'S JUST AN ORDINARY MEMORIAL SERVICE.

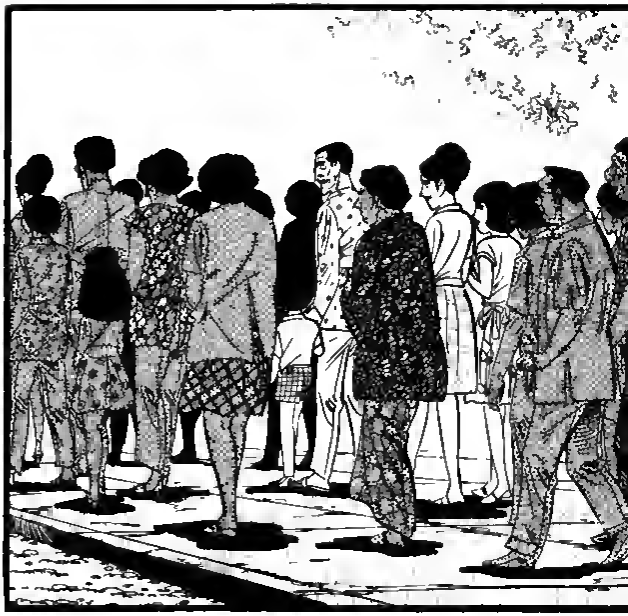

FOR THOSE WHO DIED ON THE 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH.
NOPE.
IS IT FOR THOSE WHO DIED IN THE EARTH QUAKE?

AW, COME ON! LET ME GET SOME SLEEP!
THE 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH ...? WHAT DO YOU MEAN...?
WHAT!?

I WONDER IF...
...MY FAMILY IS AMONG THEM...?

OOH!


THAT'S MIKI'S FAMILY!



IT'S BROAD DAYLIGHT! EVERYBODY WILL SEE YOU!

YOU CAN'T JUST GET OUT!
DON'T BE STUPID!
MIKI!!!!

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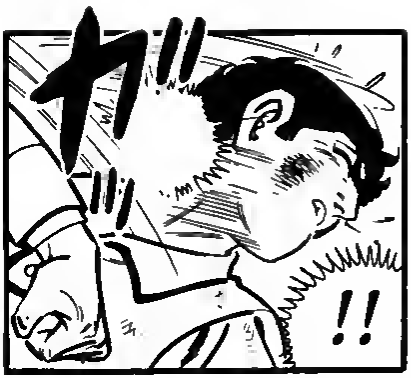
AAH!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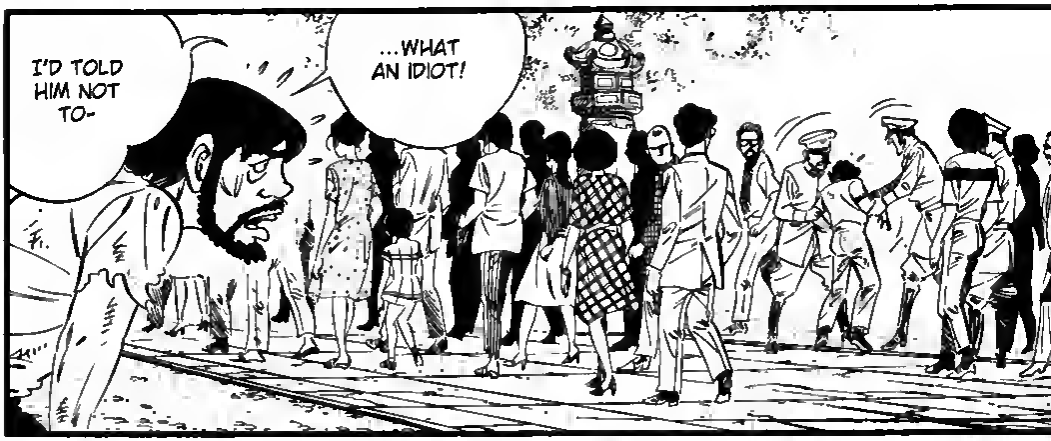
LET ME GO!


I'D TOLD HIM NOT TO-
...WHAT AN IDIOT!

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AWW!

F-F-OOD... FOOD!
MORE CRIMINALS...?

FOOD!
FOOD!
YAAAH!
!!
BUT SIR...
WE'RE AMONG CIVILIZED PEOPLE HERE!
HOW DREADFUL! VIOLENCE IS FOR BARBARIANS...!

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DID I HEAR THAT RIGHT? YOU DON'T... WORK?
I HAVEN'T EATEN FOR THREE DAYS!
F-FOOD COUPONS? I NEVER GOT ANY!
YOU MEAN TO TELL ME YOU DIDN'T GET ENOUGH FOOD COUPONS?
DO YOU EXPECT US TO GIVE COUPONS TO THOSE WHO DON'T WORK?

ASSIGN THESE PEOPLE TO THE LABOUR CAMP IN SECTOR F!
THAT WILL TEACH THEM THE VALUE OF WORK!
NONSENSE! THOSE WHO DON'T WORK DESERVE NO FOOD.
AS YOUR EXCELLENCY CAN SEE... I'M TOO SICK TO WORK!
NOOO! NO, PLEASE!
HE'S AN INTRUDER FROM THE "COUNTRY-SIDE".
AN INTRUDER, YOU SAY?
UHM... WHAT ABOUT HIM?

NOW WE'RE GOING TO MAKE YOU WORK FOR WHAT YOU ATE!
WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT LIFE'S HARDSHIPS? YOU THINK YOU CAN SNEAK INTO OUR CITY AND EAT AT YOUR HEART'S CONTENT WITHOUT HAVING TO WORK, DO YOU?
...
WHY? WHY DID YOU ARREST ME?
HAVEN'T I SEEN YOU BEFORE... IN DOCTOR AIKAWA 'S HOME?
THIS IS NOT A CITY!
IN OTHER WORDS, IT'S TIME FOR YOU TO GIVE SOMETHING BACK TO THE CITY...
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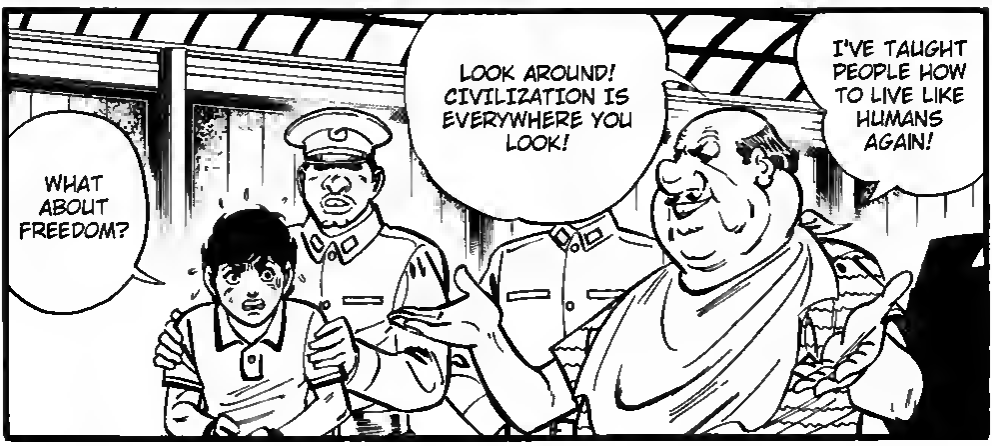
DANGER 8

...
YOU DON'T THINK I HAVE A RIGHT TO CALL MY CITY A "CITY"?
THAT'S INTERESTING, YOUNG MAN...
LOOK! ISN'T THE VIEW BREATH-TAKING?

...LOOK WHAT A WONDERFUL CITY I BUILT!
...
PEOPLE SCAVENGED FOR FOOD AMID THE RUBBLE, LIKE STRAY DOGS... TRYING NOT TO STARVE TO DEATH.
DO YOU KNOW WHAT LIFE USED TO BE LIKE BEFORE?

...AND IT WAS ME WHO SAVED THEM FROM SUCH AN EXISTENCE!
IT WAS ME WHO GAVE THEM BACK CIVILIZATION! ...WHO GAVE THEM BACK A CIVILIZED LIFESTYLE!


WHAT ABOUT FREEDOM?
LOOK AROUND! CIVILIZATION IS EVERYWHERE YOU LOOK!
I'VE TAUGHT PEOPLE HOW TO LIVE LIKE HUMANS AGAIN!

...
...IF THEY HAVE NO FREEDOM?
WHAT GOOD IS CIVILIZATION TO PEOPLE...
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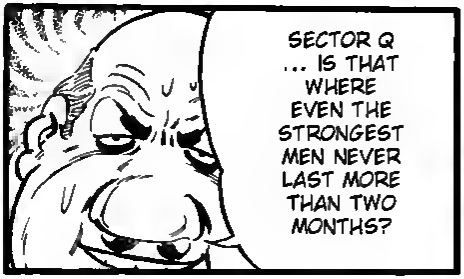
YOU MEAN... THE ONE IN SECTOR Q, SIR?
I BELIEVE WE HAVE JUST THE PERFECT LABOUR CAMP FOR HIM, DON'T YOU THINK?


SECTOR Q ... IS THAT WHERE EVEN THE STRONGEST MEN NEVER LAST MORE THAN TWO MONTHS?

GOOD! ENERGETIC YOUNG MEN ALWAYS COME IN HANDY WHEN BUILDING A CITY.
FULL OF ENERGY AND BRAVADO, ARE YOU?

IH, IH, IH!
...
ACTUALLY, SIR... SOME OF THEM HAVE LASTED UP TO THREE MONTHS IN THE PAST!
IN THAT CASE... TAKE OUR YOUNG FRIEND TO SECTOR Q!
VERY WELL!
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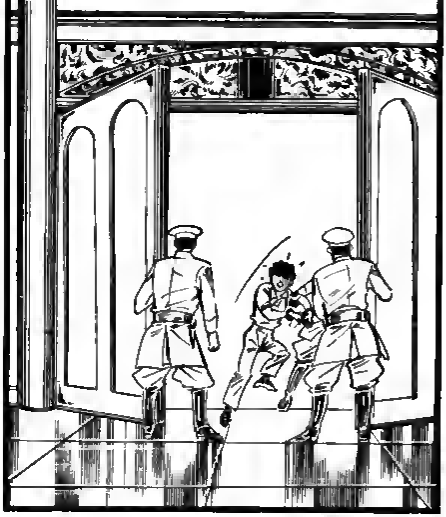
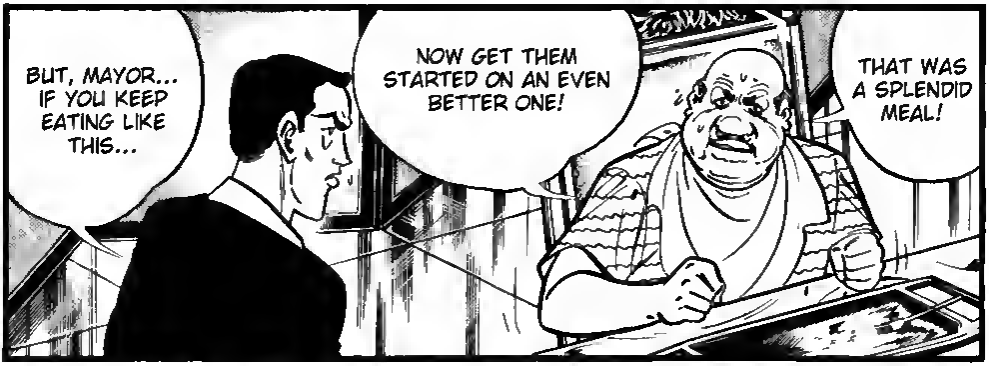
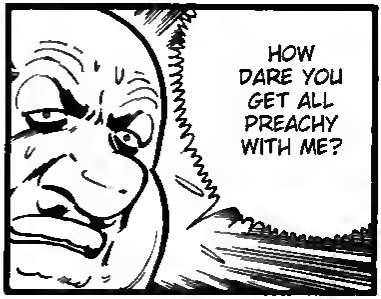
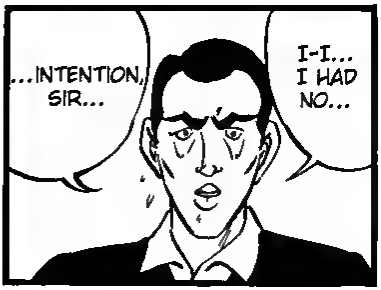
MOVE!
...
HOW CAN YOU CALL CIVILIZED A CITY BUILT UPON THE SACRIFICE OF ITS PEOPLE?
HOW CAN YOU TALK ABOUT CIVILI-ZATION?

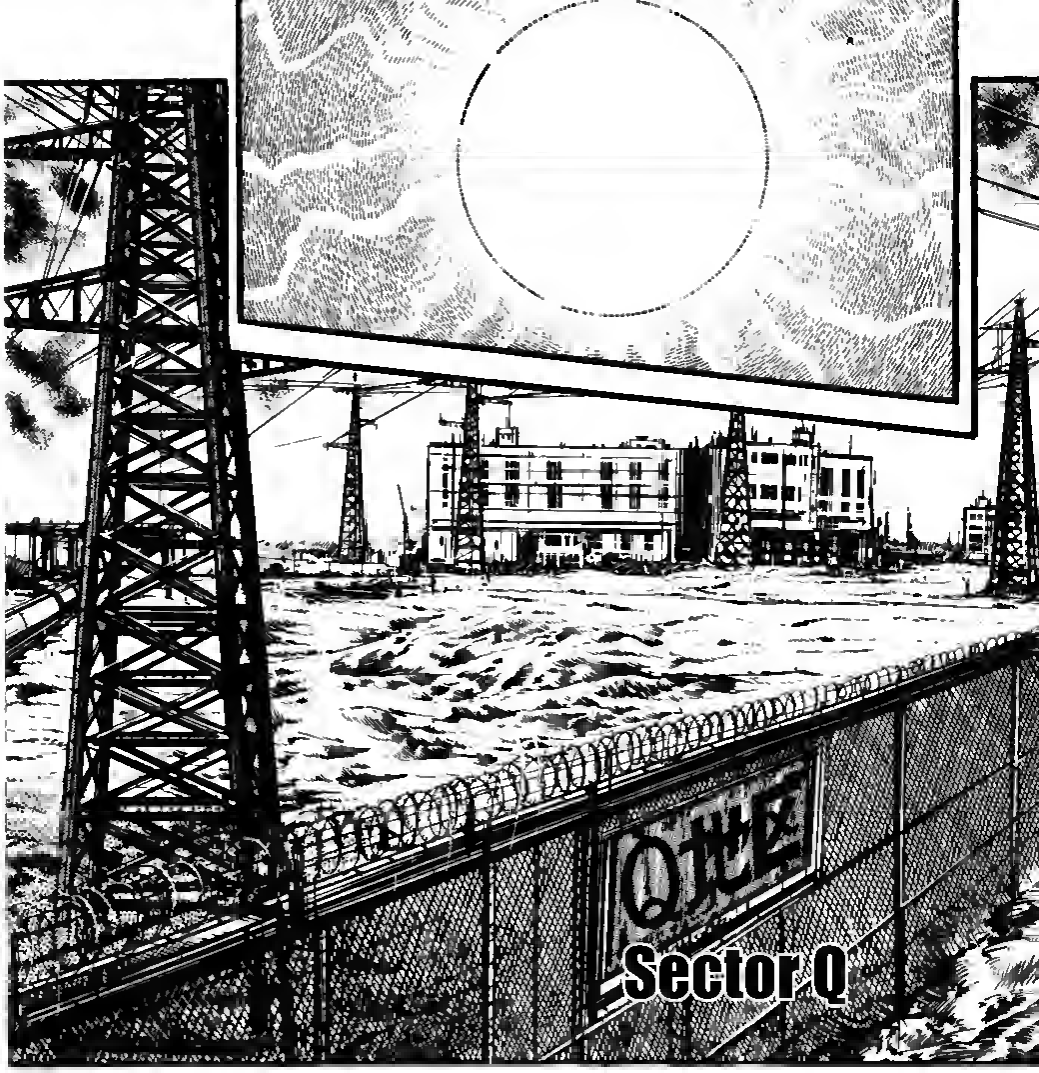


SOON HE WON'T TALK SO MUCH.
WELL, WELL...


BUT, MAYOR... IF YOU KEEP EATING LIKE THIS...
NOW GET THEM STARTED ON AN EVEN BETTER ONE!
THAT WAS A SPLENDID MEAL!


HOW DARE YOU GET ALL PREACHY WITH ME?


...INTENTION, SIR...
I-I... I HAD NO...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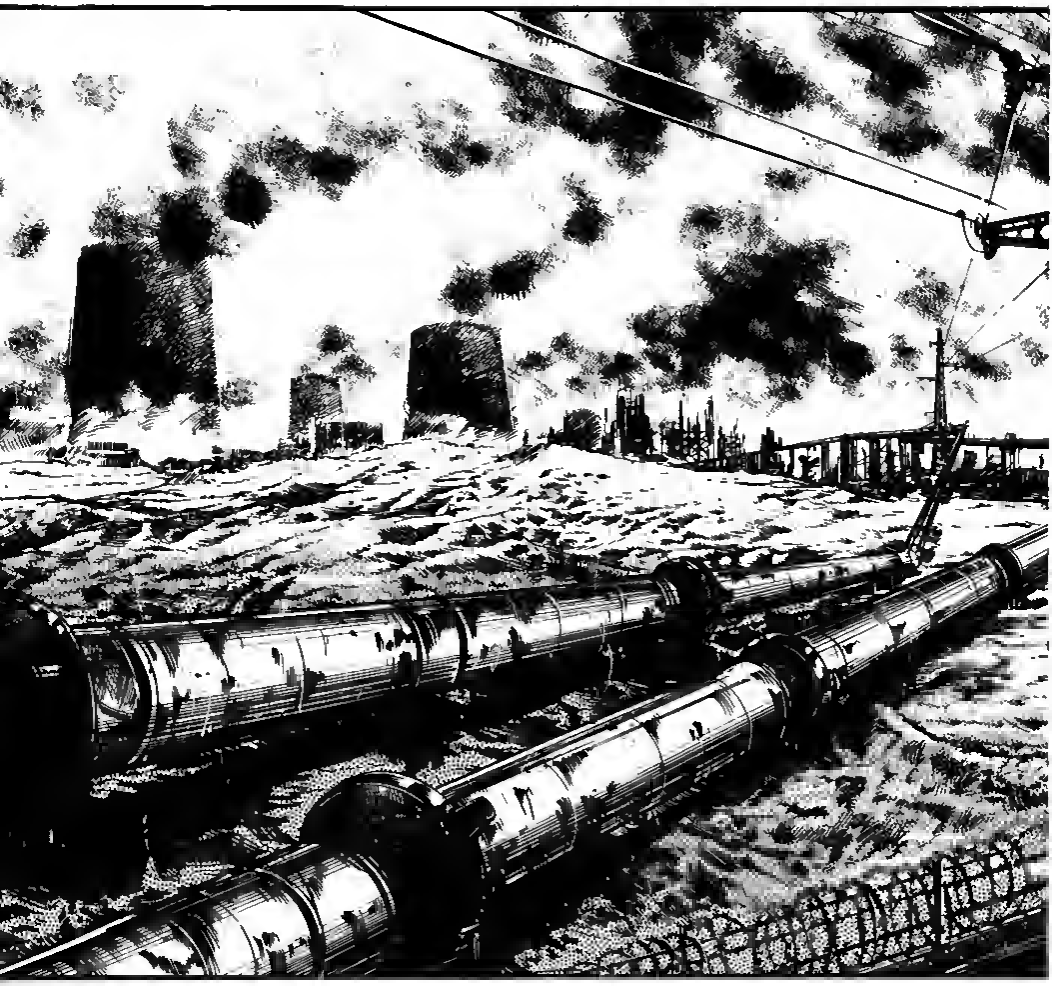

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WHAT ARE YOU STARING AT? WORK!
...
...IN SUCH A GODFOR-SAKEN PLACE?
WHAT CAN THEY BE BUILDING...

...
HEY, DO YOU KNOW WHAT WE'RE BUILDING HERE?
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OUCH !
WHAT THE HELL IS THIS THING?
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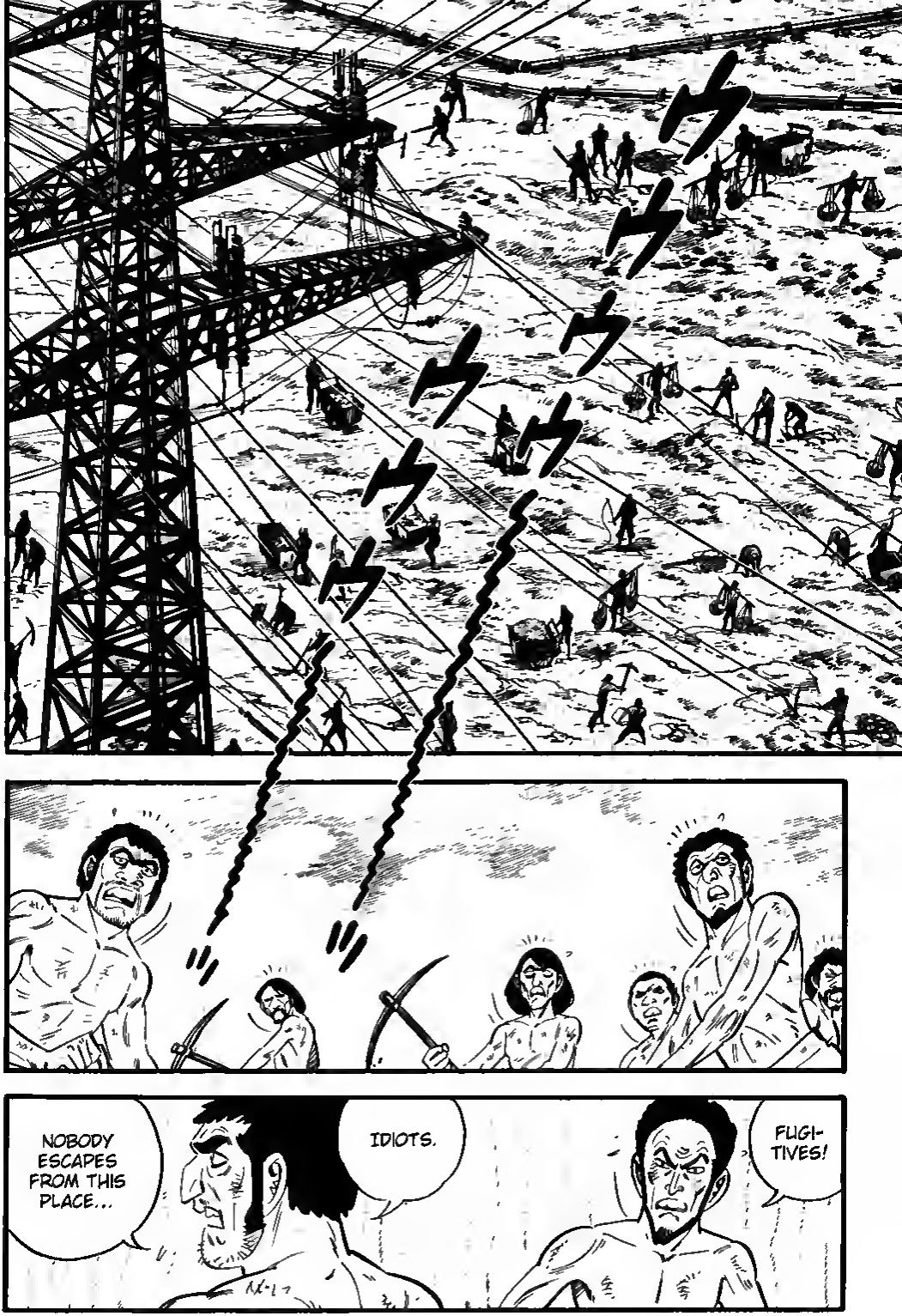
MAN, YOU GAVE ME A SCARE!
IT'S YOU!
HEY!
GLAD TO SEE YOU'RE ALL RIGHT.
WHO'RE YOU CALLING AN OLD MAN?
SO THEY GOT YOU TOO, EH, OLD MAN?
...
...YOU'RE QUITE SOMETHING!
IT TAKES GUTS TO TRY TO ESCAPE FROM THIS PLACE...
BUT NEVER MIND THAT... HAVE YOU SPOTTED ANY MANHOLES AROUND HERE?
I HAVE NO IDEA...
WHAT'S THAT HUGE CHIMNEY FOR?

AND YOU THINK WE COULD ESCAPE THROUGH THERE?
SURE... IF WE CAN FIND ONE OF THE ACCESS MANHOLES. SEVERAL MEN HAVE ALREADY ESCAPED THAT WAY.
THE UNDERGROUND DRAINAGE CANAL, MAN! IT RUNS UNDERNEATH THE WHOLE "COUNTRY-SIDE"!
...MAN-HOLES?
ANYWAY, WE CAN'T STAY HERE MUCH LONGER. QUICK, LET'S MOVE!

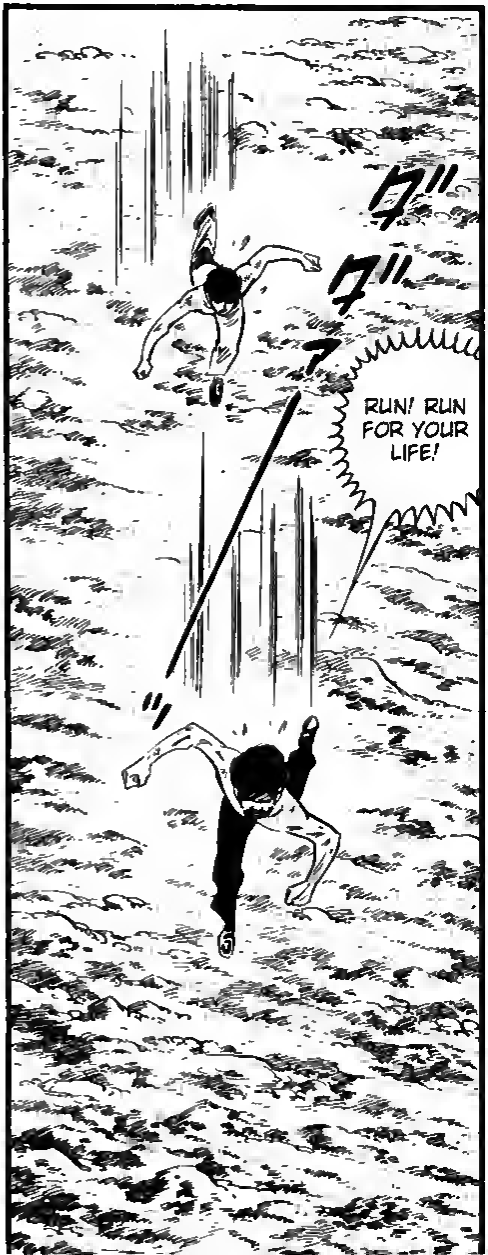

NOBODY ESCAPES FROM THIS PLACE...
IDIOTS.
FUGI-TIVES!

SHIT! THEY ALREADY FOUND OUT!

WHERE ARE WE GOING?

HOW WOULD I KNOW! JUST RUN!

URGH!


RUN! RUN FOR YOUR LIFE!

THAT'S GOING TO BE US TOMORROW!
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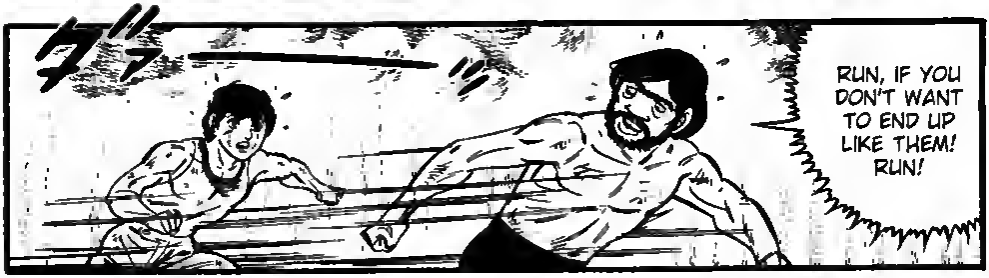
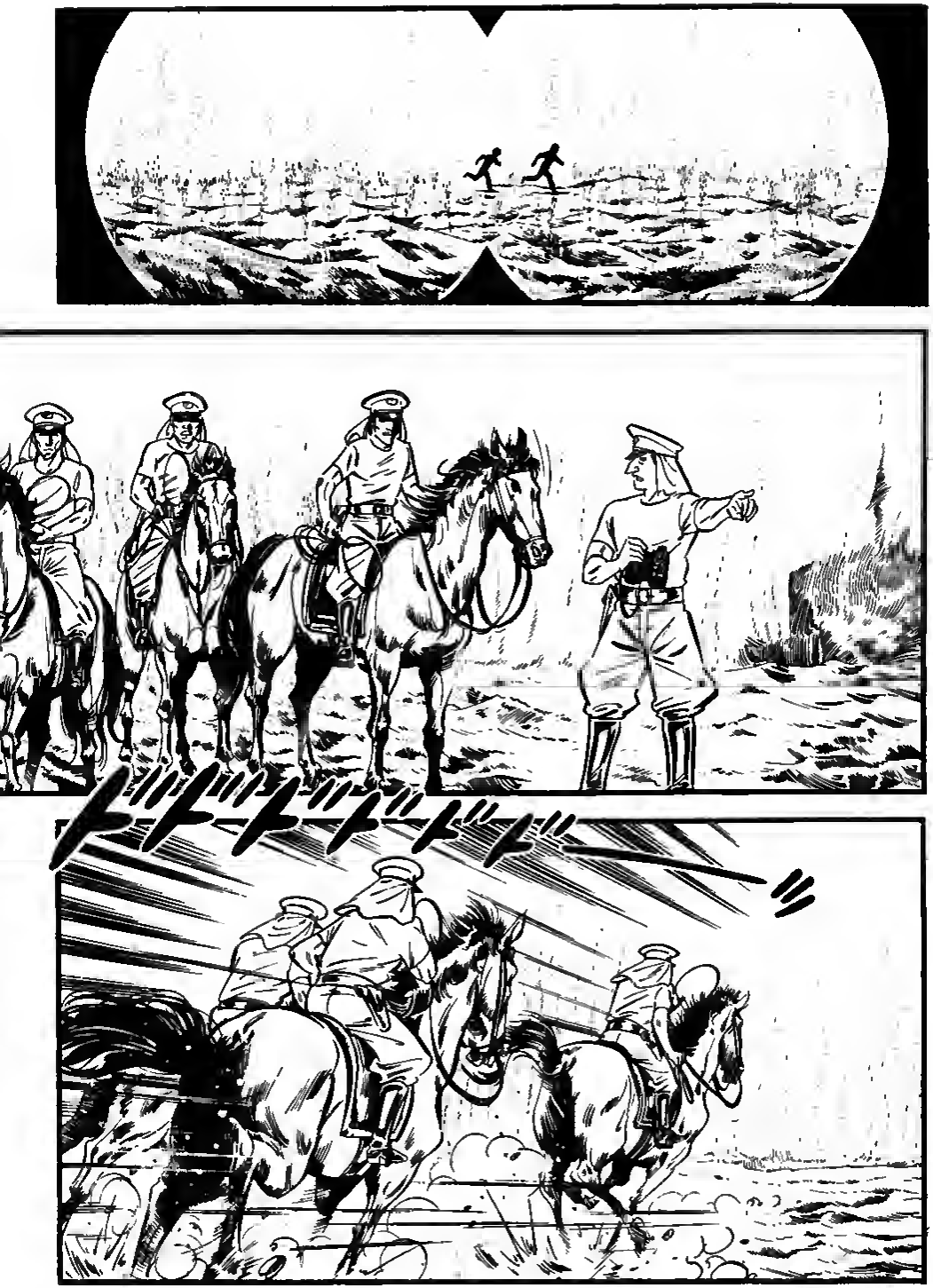

RUN, IF YOU DON'T WANT TO END UP LIKE THEM! RUN!



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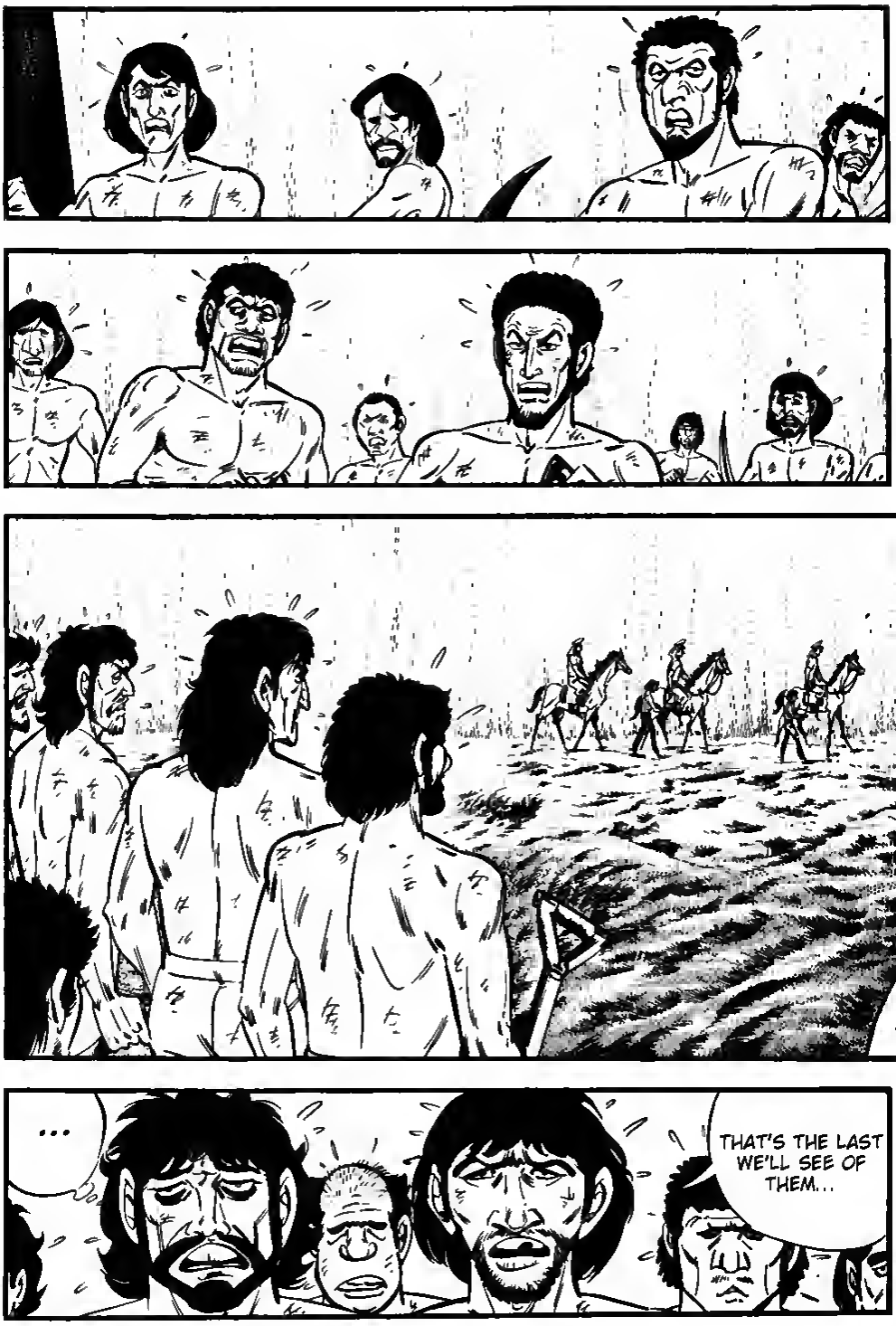
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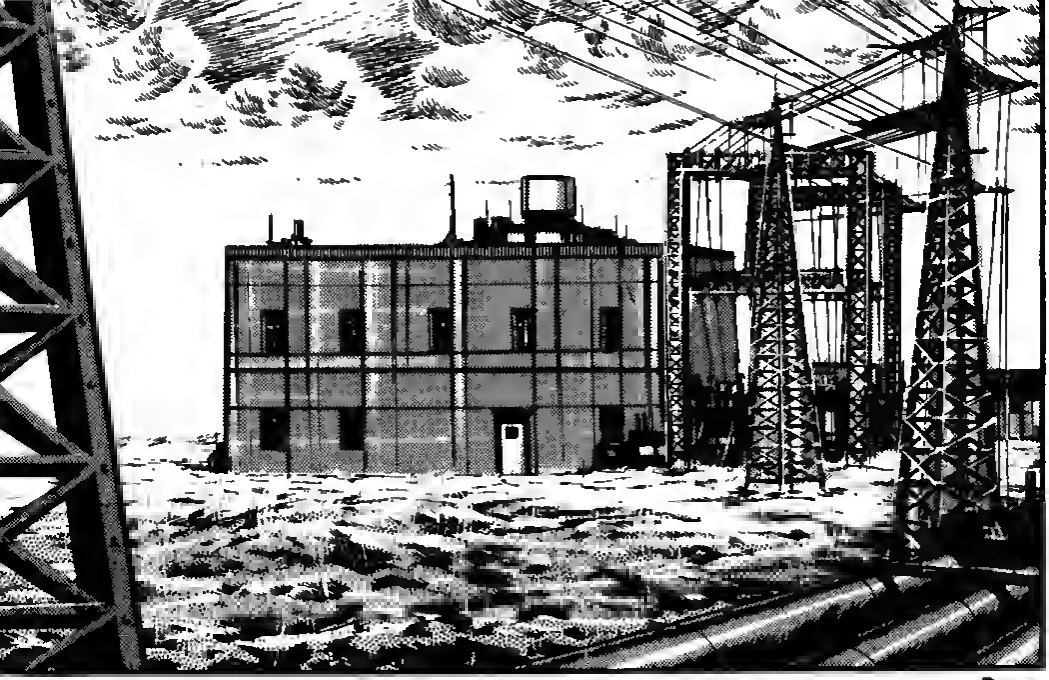

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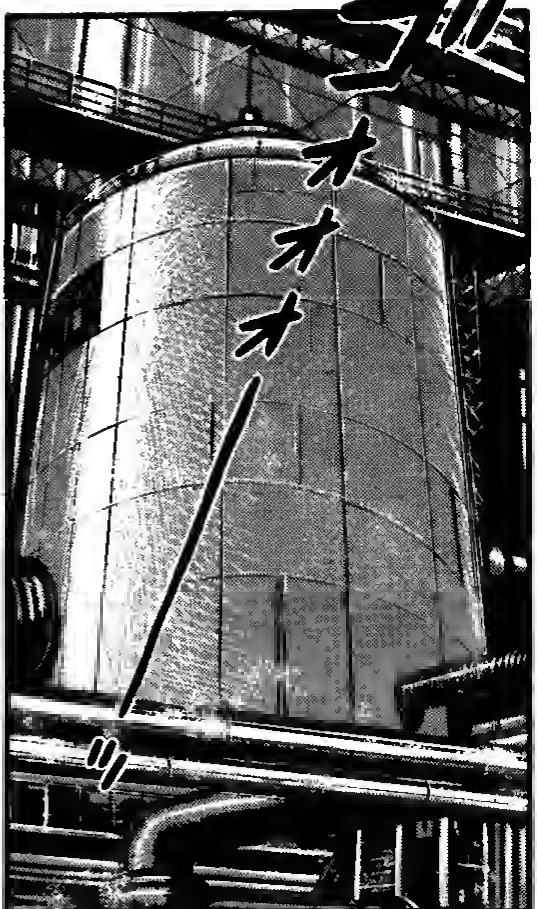
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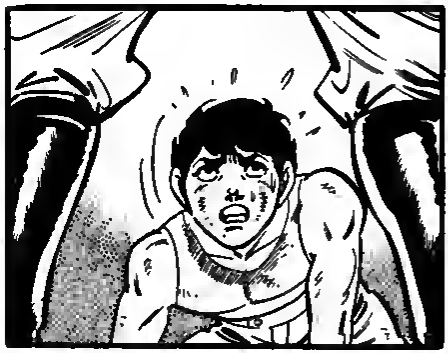

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TSK, TSK! HOW DREADFUL! YOU ABANDONED YOUR JOBS!
YOU DON'T SEEM TO APPRECIATE WHAT AN IMPORTANT JOB YOU HAD BEEN ASSIGNED TO.
WHAT DO THE BLESSING OF CIVILIZATION HAVE TO DO WITH DIGGING HOLES IN THE DESERT?
...THE REST OF US COULDN'T ENJOY THE BLESSINGS OF CIVILIZATION!
IT'S A FUNDAMENTAL TASK! IF IT WEREN'T FOR WORKERS LIKE YOU...

FOOD! FOOD, OF COURSE!
WHAT DO YOU THINK MEN NEED MOST, IN ORDER TO LEAD A CIVILIZED EXISTENCE?
...ENERGY!
...
OH!
BUT HOW DO YOU THINK WE MANAGE NOW? YOU CAN DIG AROUND HERE AS MUCH AS YOU LIKE, BUT YOU WON'T FIND A DROP OF OIL!
THAT'S CORRECT! IN THE PAST, OIL COULD SATISFY ALL OF MANKIND'S ENERGY NEEDS.
YES! ALL OF OUR ENERGY IS BEING PRODUCED RIGHT HERE!
YOU FINALLY UNDER-STOOD, EH?
R-RIGHT HERE?
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A POWER PLANT!
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G-GEO-THERMAL PLANT!?
A GEO-THERMAL PLANT!
COR-RECT!
THE STEAM FROM THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH IS USED TO SPIN A TURBINE ...
...WHICH GENERATES POWER!
SURPRISED? WE DON'T NEED COAL OR NUCLEAR POWER ANYMORE! WE HAVE THE PERFECT ENERGY SOURCE FOR OUR CURRENT SITUATION.

AMERICA, THE SOVIET UNION, ICELAND... HAVE ALL STARTED EXPLOITING IT...
...WHILE ITALY AND NEW ZEALAND HAVE BEEN AT IT FOR QUITE SOME TIME.
... WITH ABUNDANT GEO-THERMAL ACTIVITY.
IT'S THE PERFECT ENERGY FOR COUNTRIES LIKE JAPAN AND ITALY...
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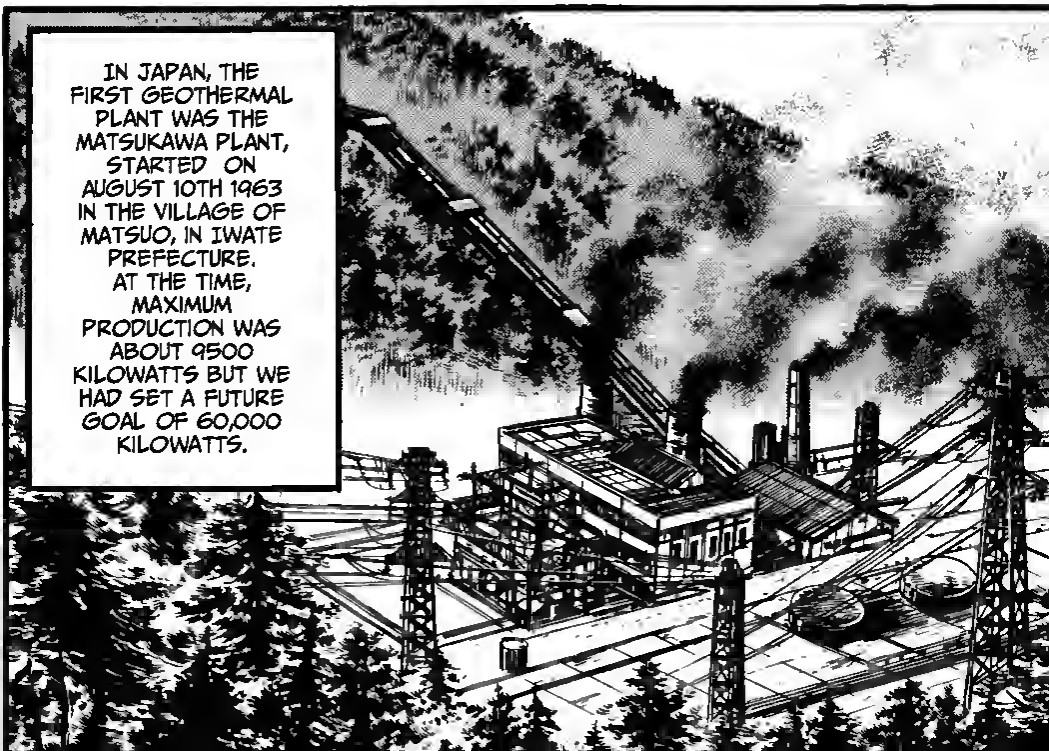
...
LARDER-ELLO, ITALY.
YEARS AGO I WAS SENT BY THE JAPANESE GOVERNMENT TO INVESTIGATE THE GEOTHERMAL FACILITIES IN...
...
YOU MEAN YOU CAN MAKE ENERGY OUT OF... HOT AIR?

LARDERELLO COULD GENERATE OVER 262.000 KILOWATTS OF POWER!
IN COMPARISON THE HYDROELECTRIC PLANT AT SAKUMA GENERATES 350.000 KILOWATTS...


IN JAPAN, THE FIRST GEOTHERMAL PLANT WAS THE MATSUKAWA PLANT, STARTED ON AUGUST 10TH 1963 IN THE VILLAGE OF MATSUO, IN IWATE PREFECTURE. AT THE TIME, MAXIMUM PRODUCTION WAS ABOUT 9500 KILOWATTS BUT WE HAD SET A FUTURE GOAL OF 60,000 KILOWATTS.

DURING THE EARTHQUAKE, THE PLANT DIDN'T EVEN GET A SINGLE CRACK.
...
...THE DIRECTOR OR SOMETHING OF THAT PLANT!
NOW I REMEMBER! I READ SOMEWHERE THAT YOU USED TO BE...
YOU'RE A PETTY TYRANT WHO USES ENERGY JUST TO STAY IN POWER!
THAT'S A LIE! ALL YOU CRAVE IS POWER!
THANKS TO THIS PLACE, THE MAJORITY OF THE PEOPLE ARE STILL ABLE TO LEAD A CIVILIZED EXISTENCE. I'M THE MAN WHO MADE THEIR HAPPINESS POSSIBLE.
...
...OUR MAYOR JUST HAPPENS TO BE ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE.
THOSE WHO CONTROL ENERGY CONTROL THE WORLD...

WHAT'S ON TODAY'S MENU?
UHM...
BY THE WAY, LUNCH WILL BE SERVED SOON, SIR.
...
AH, AH, AH!
THANK GOD THE STATE OF KENTUCKY SURVIVED THE EARTHQUAKE!
FRIED CHICKEN, SIR.
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AH, AH, AH!
AH, AH, AH!
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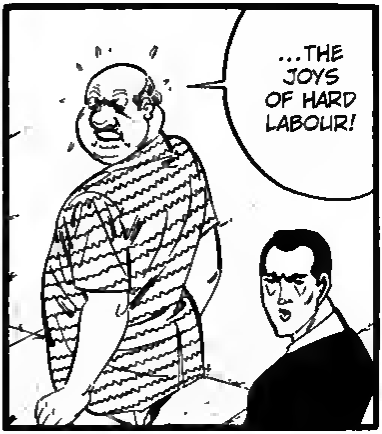
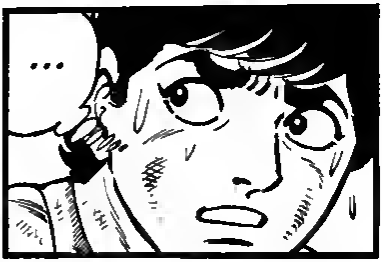
AND NOW LET'S TEACH THESE TWO...

MOVE!


...THE JOYS OF HARD LABOUR!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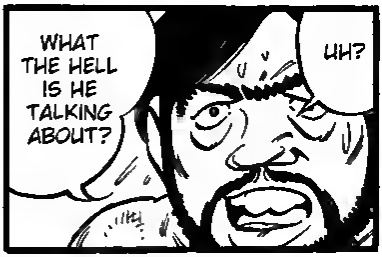
WHAT THE HELL IS HE TALKING ABOUT?
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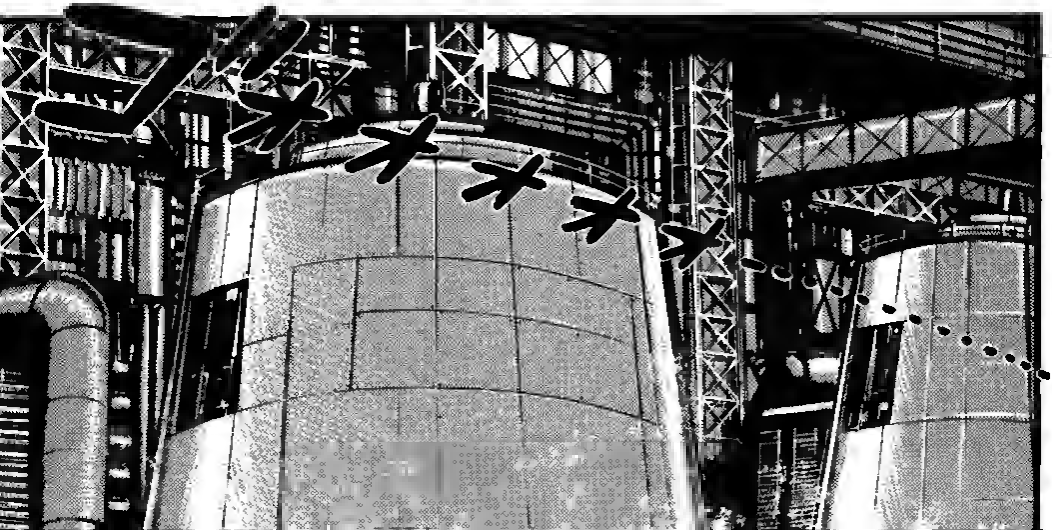
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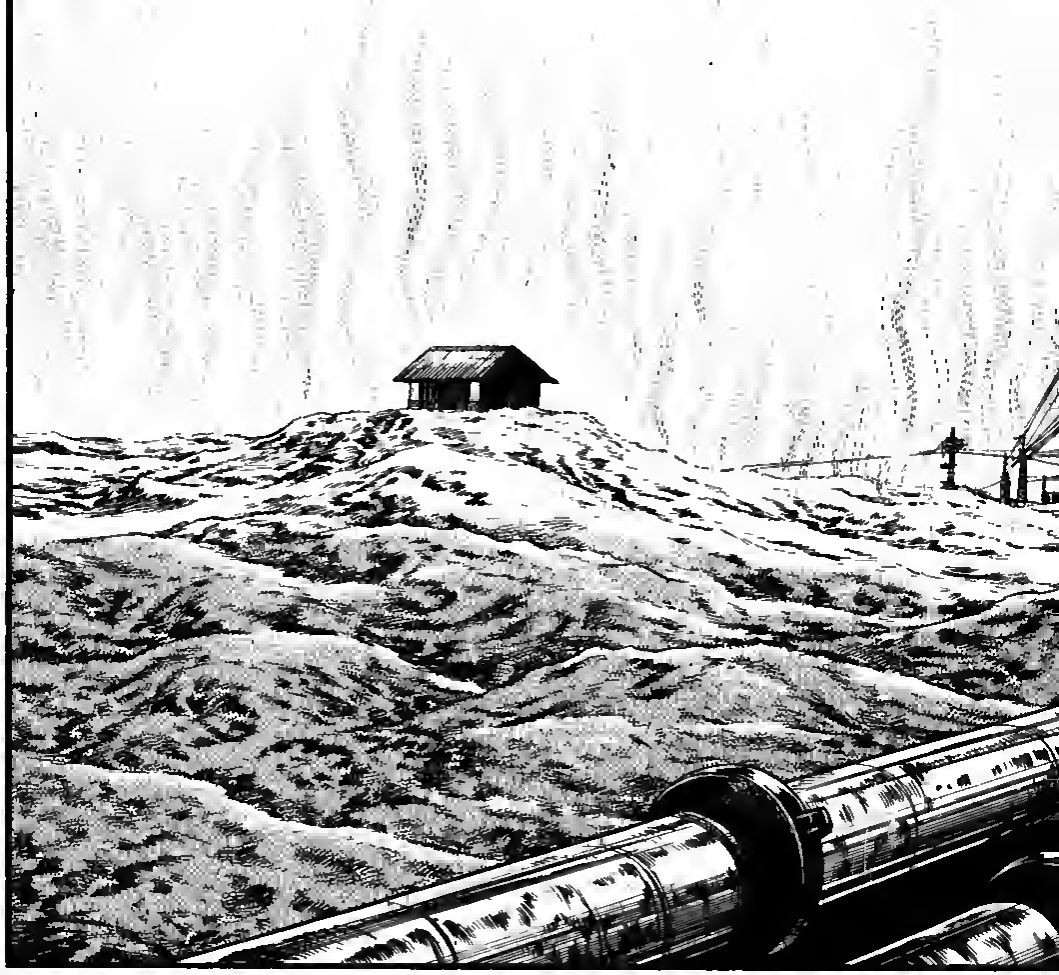

IH, IH, IH! ARE YOUR LODGINGS COMFORT-ABLE?
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AND YOU?
...GIVE ME... WATER..
...WA-WATER...
...YOU'RE NOT THIRSTY YET?
YOU MEAN...
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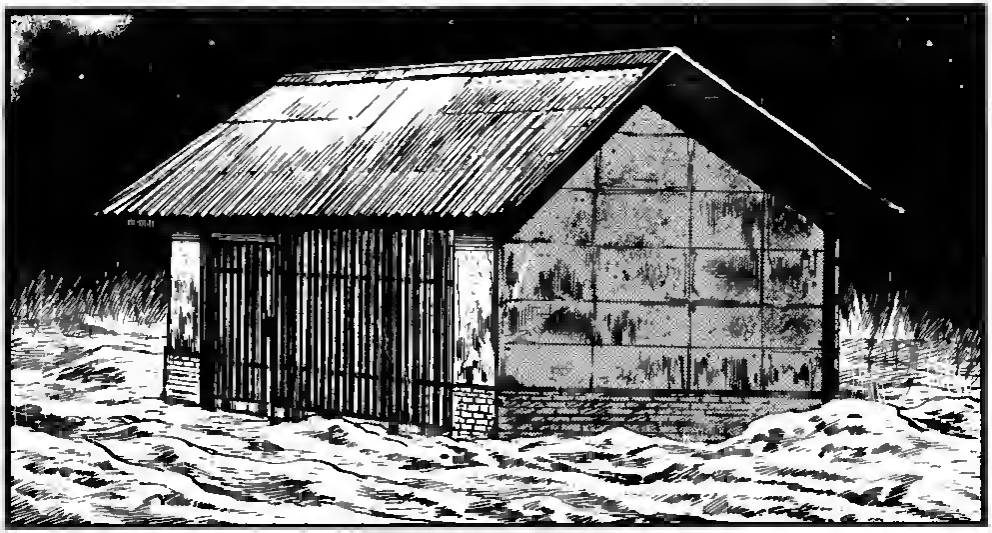
NNGHHH!

STOP!
S-STOP! STOP!
STOP! PLEASE, STOP!
YOU'LL KILL HIM!
SO? YOU STILL DON'T WANT WATER?
I'M GOING TO MAKE YOU BEG FOR WATER, YOU BASTARD!



ARE YOU OKAY?
HANG IN THERE!
UNHHH...
I'M... I'M FINE. I'M NOT GOING TO DIE BECAUSE OF THIS.
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE PROVOKED HIM. THAT GUY'S A SADIST.
MAN, THEY'VE GIVEN YOU A GOOD THRASHING!
SHIT!
HEY, TAKE IT EASY!
...
I WON'T!
I... I WON'T DIE IN THIS PLACE!

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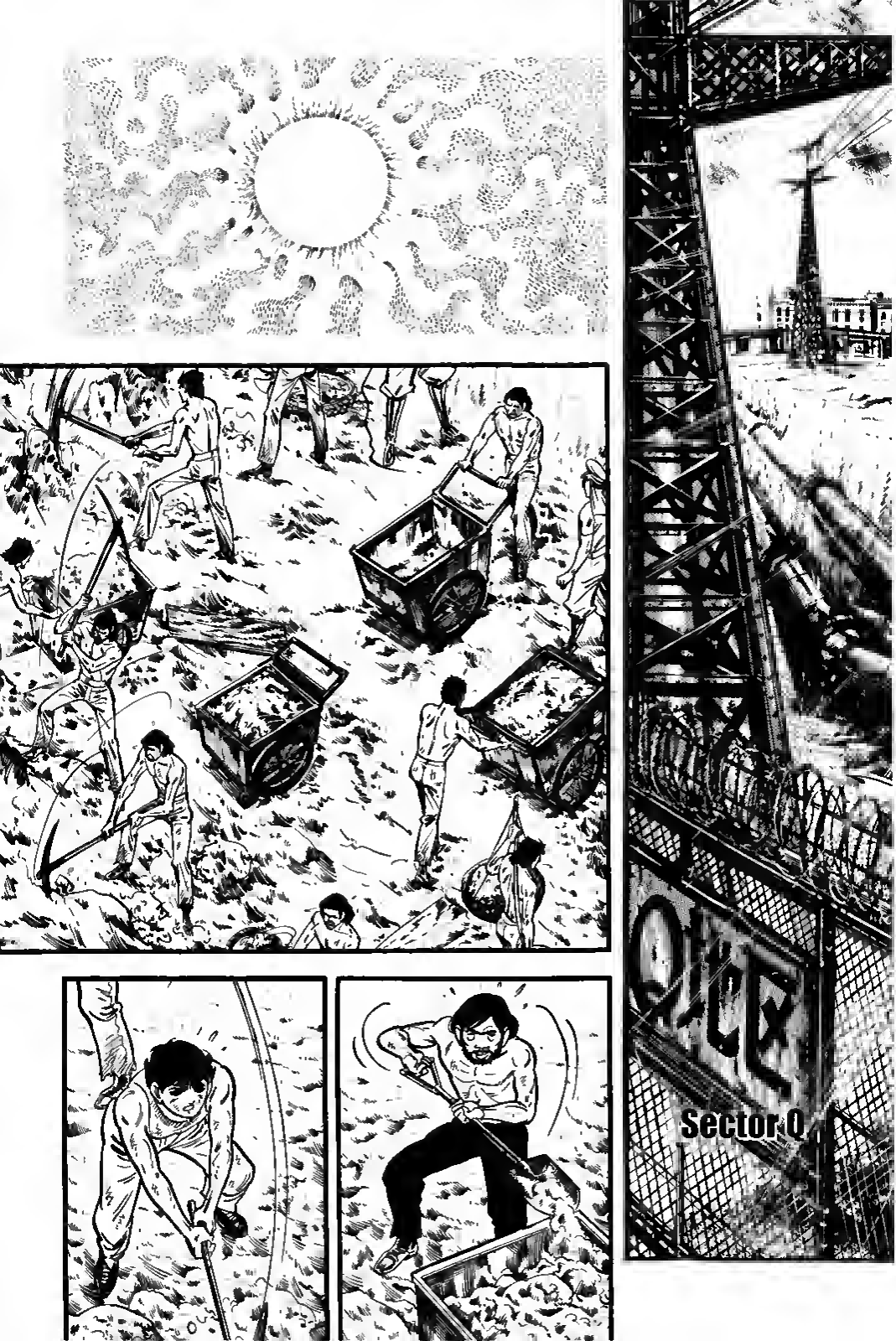
DANGER 9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...WA... WATER! ... GIVE ME WATER!
DAMN YOU!
GET UP, YOU VERMIN!
...
PATIENCE! NOW IS THE TIME TO BE PATIENT!
STAY OUT OF IT!
SHIT!

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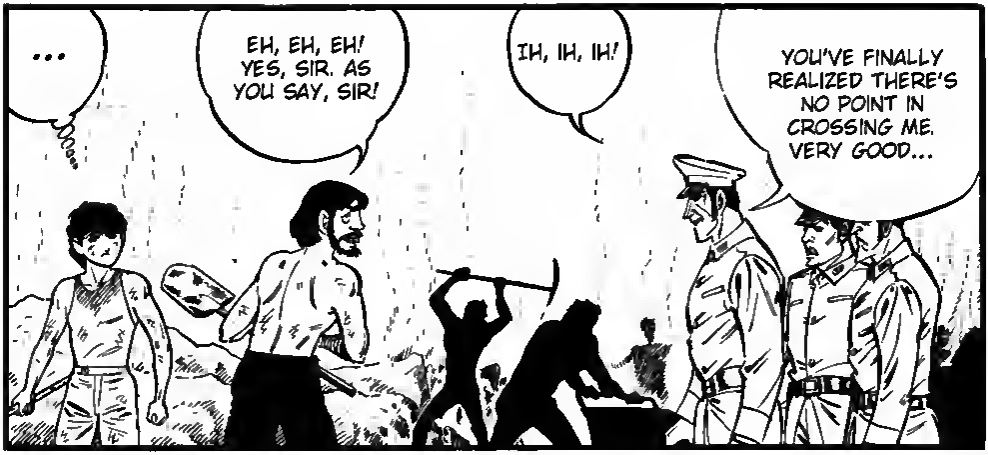
HIM AGAIN!
...
GOOD MORNING, SIR!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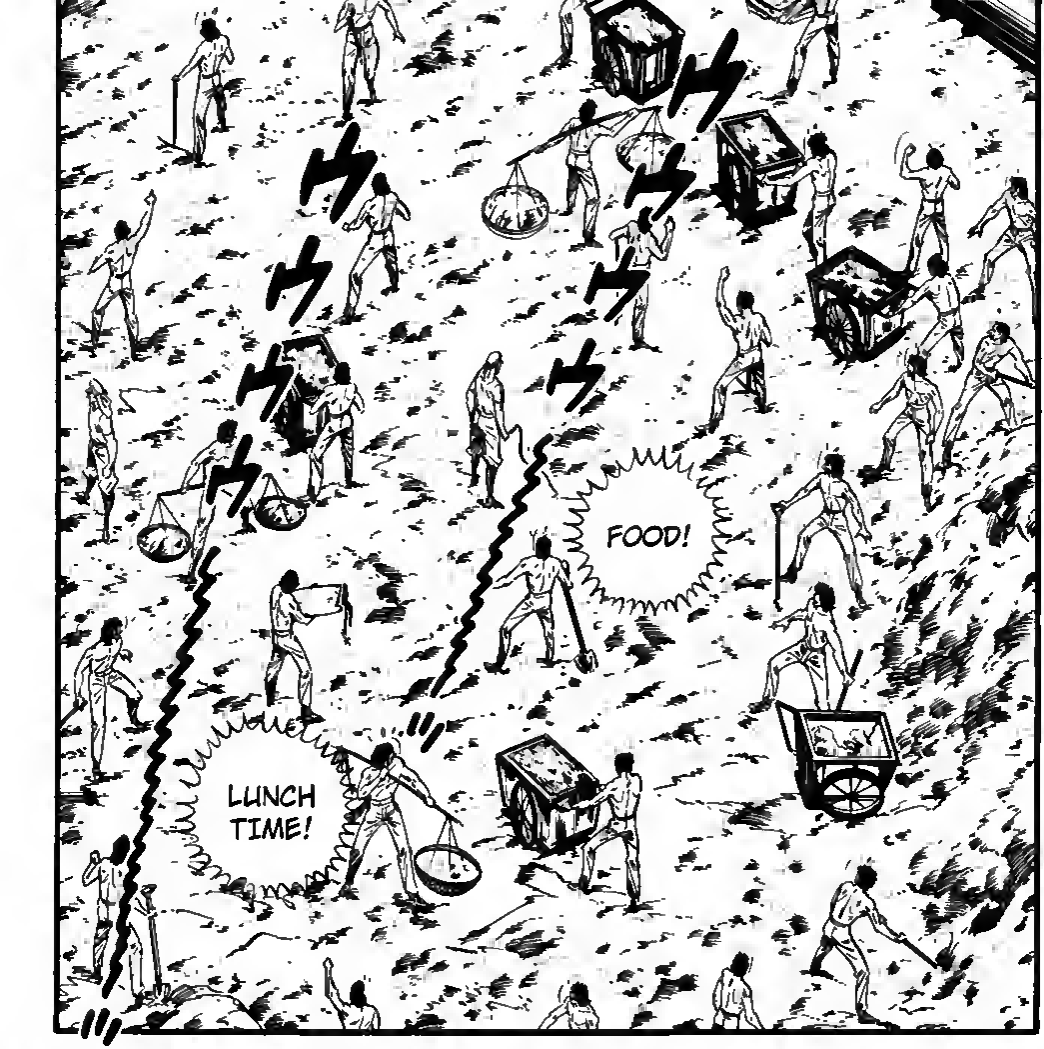
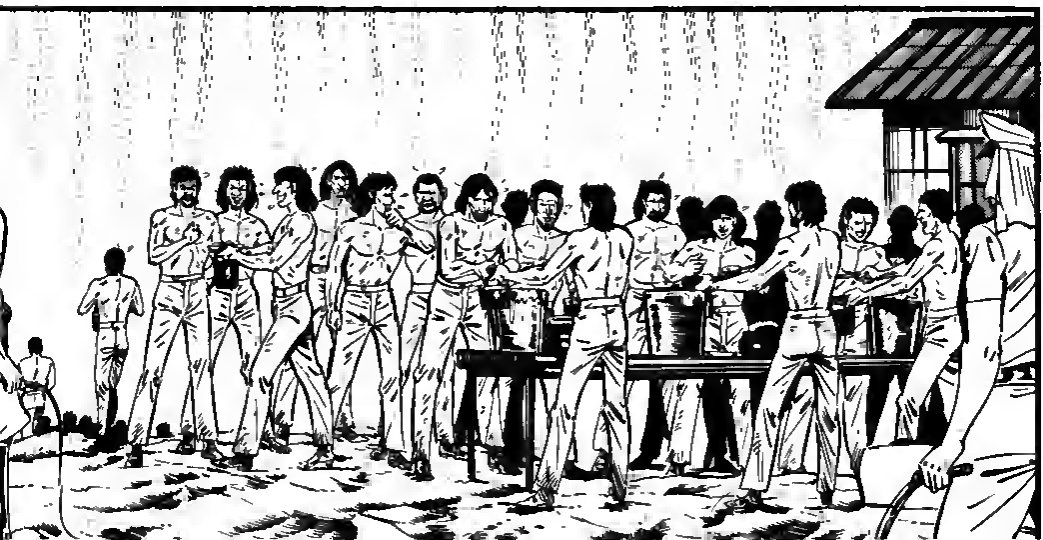
EH, EH, EH! YES, SIR. AS YOU SAY, SIR!
IH, IH, IH!
YOU'VE FINALLY REALIZED THERE'S NO POINT IN CROSSING ME. VERY GOOD...

...

BUT IF YOU WERE TO ANTAGONIZE ME IN THE FUTURE, I'LL MAKE SURE YOU'LL NEVER TALK AGAIN! IH, IH, IH!
HAD YOU BEHAVED FROM THE START, YOU'D HAVE SAVED YOURSELVES A LOT OF SUFFERING.

...
...SOON OUR TIME WILL COME.
PATIENCE, MY FRIEND... PATIENCE...


FOOD!
LUNCH TIME!



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DON'T YOU WANT TO GET YOUR FREEDOM BACK?
LISTEN TO ME, PLEASE! WHY DON'T WE ALL JOIN FORCES AND FIGHT OUR WAY OUT OF HERE?
E-ENOUGH!
WHY? IF WE ALL STOOD TOGETHER, THEY WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE!
SO? WHAT DO YOU SAY?
BUT... IF WE DON'T DO ANYTHING-
ENOUGH IS ENOUGH, DON'T YOU GET IT?

ARGH!
IDIOT!
...I'D BE SURPRISED IF THERE WEREN'T.
THERE'S NO GUARANTEE THERE ARE NO SPIES AMONG US. ACTUALLY...
YOU STILL DON'T GET IT?
ARE YOU REALLY THAT DUMB?
WHY DID YOU STOP ME? I WAS ABOUT TO CONVINCE THEM TO-

...WILL ONLY HELP THOSE SPIES GET A QUICK PROMOTION!
SAYING THINGS LIKE THAT IN PUBLIC...
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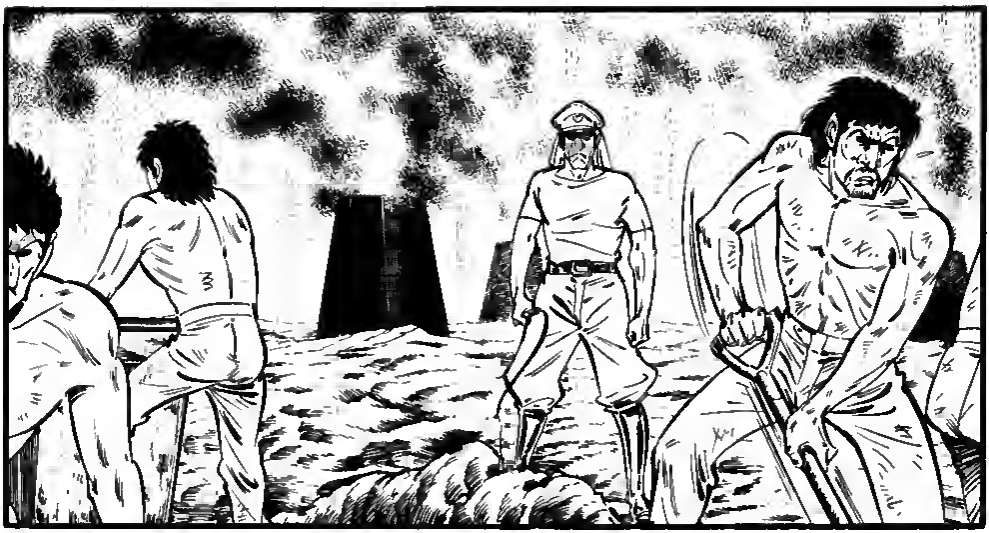
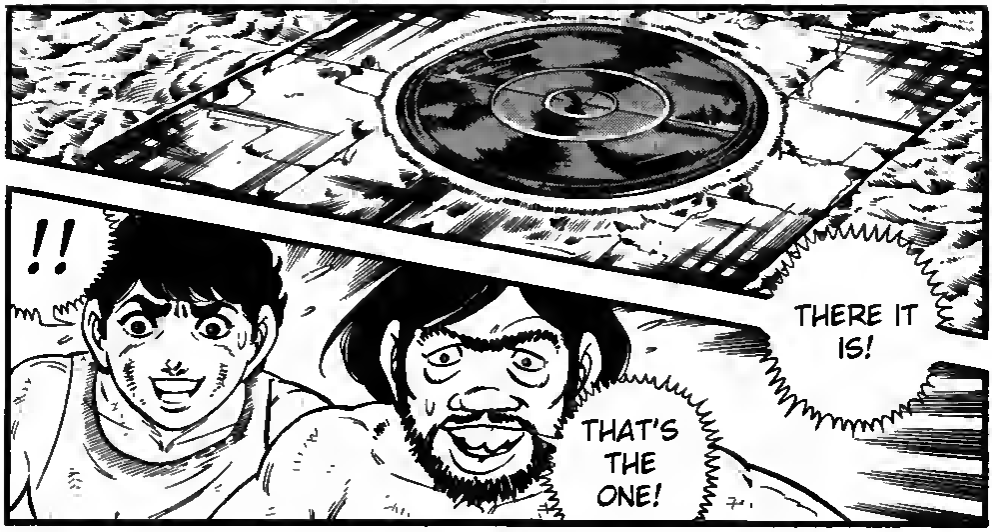
...
WE HAVE TO BIDE OUR TIME AND WAIT FOR OUR CHANCE!
BACK TO WORK! BACK TO WORK!
HOW MUCH LONGER ARE YOU GOING TO SIT THERE?

I HEARD IT FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE...
OUR TIME HAS COME!
...THE LOCATION OF THE MANHOLE?
I'M WITH YOU!
...WE WAIT FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT AND THEN... WE BOLT!
YES! TOMORROW WE GO TO WORK LIKE EVERY OTHER DAY...



OKAY!
RUN TO THE MANHOLE AS FAST AS YOU CAN!
OKAY, LET'S GO!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THERE IT IS!
THAT'S THE ONE!

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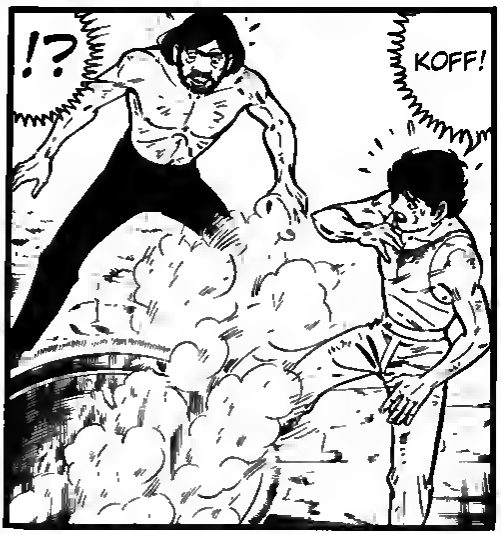
...STEAM!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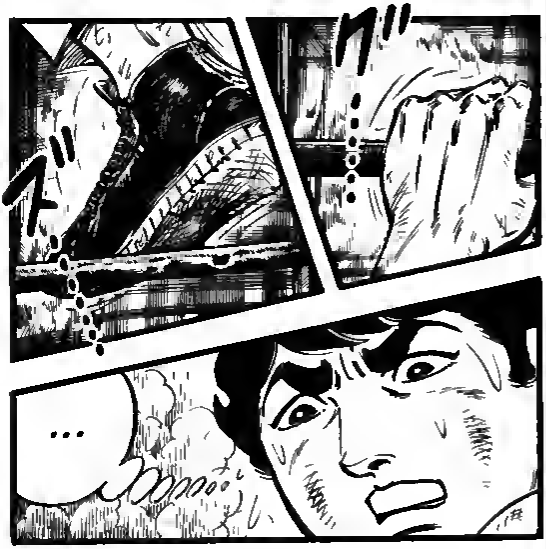
WATCH OUT, IT'S VERY SLIPPERY!
OK!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...HE MUST'VE MADE IT OUTSIDE!
AND SINCE HE HASN'T BEEN BROUGHT BACK...
ARE YOU SURE WE CAN GET OUT THROUGH THIS TUNNEL?
TRUST ME!
A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO ANOTHER GUY ESCAPED THROUGH HERE.
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JUDGING FROM THE NOISE, THE CURRENT DOWN THERE MUST BE VERY STRONG...
WELL, WOULDN'T IT BE NICE IF THE CURRENT COULD TAKE US ALL WAY OUTSIDE? EH, EH, EH!
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DAMN!
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ARE
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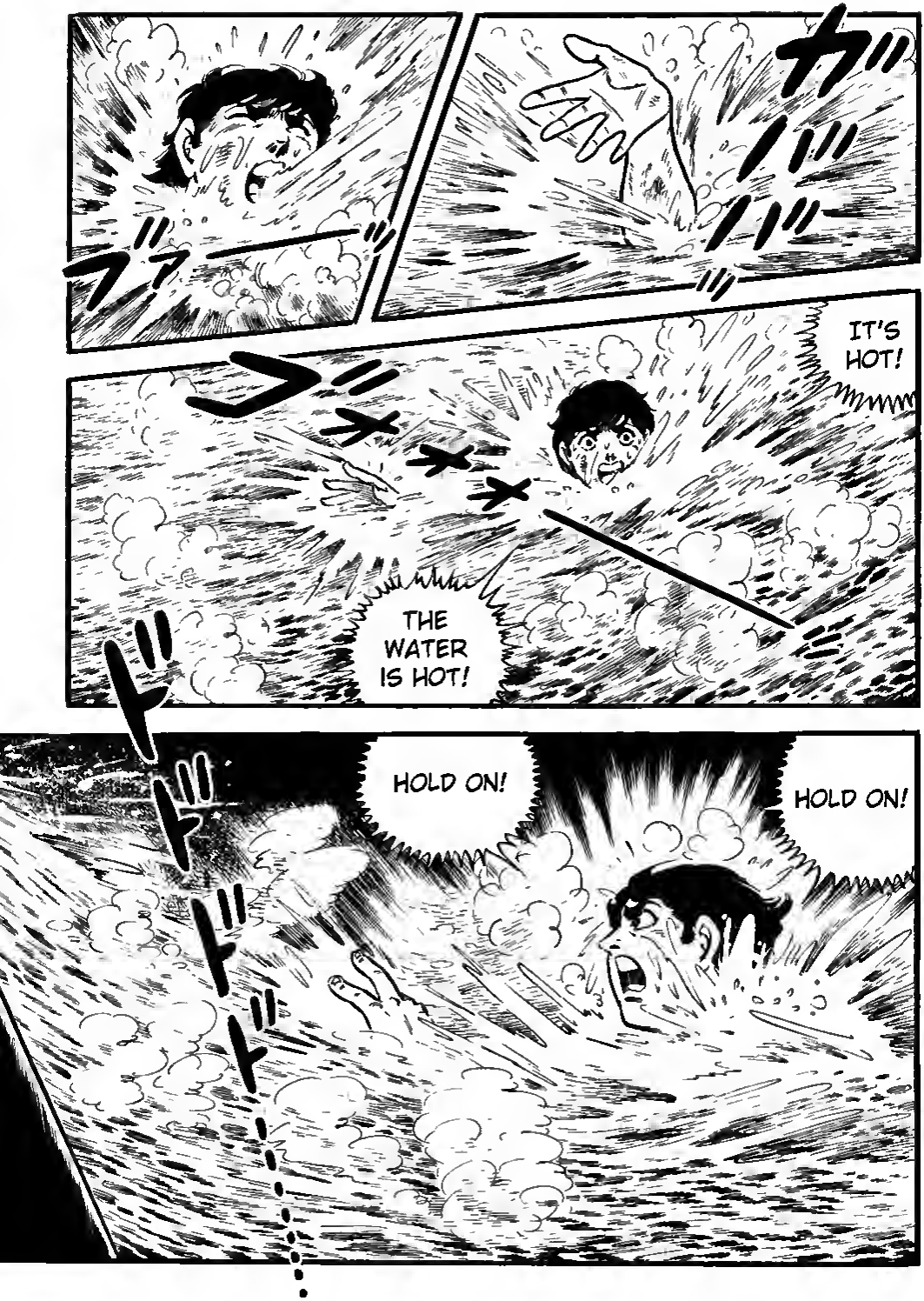
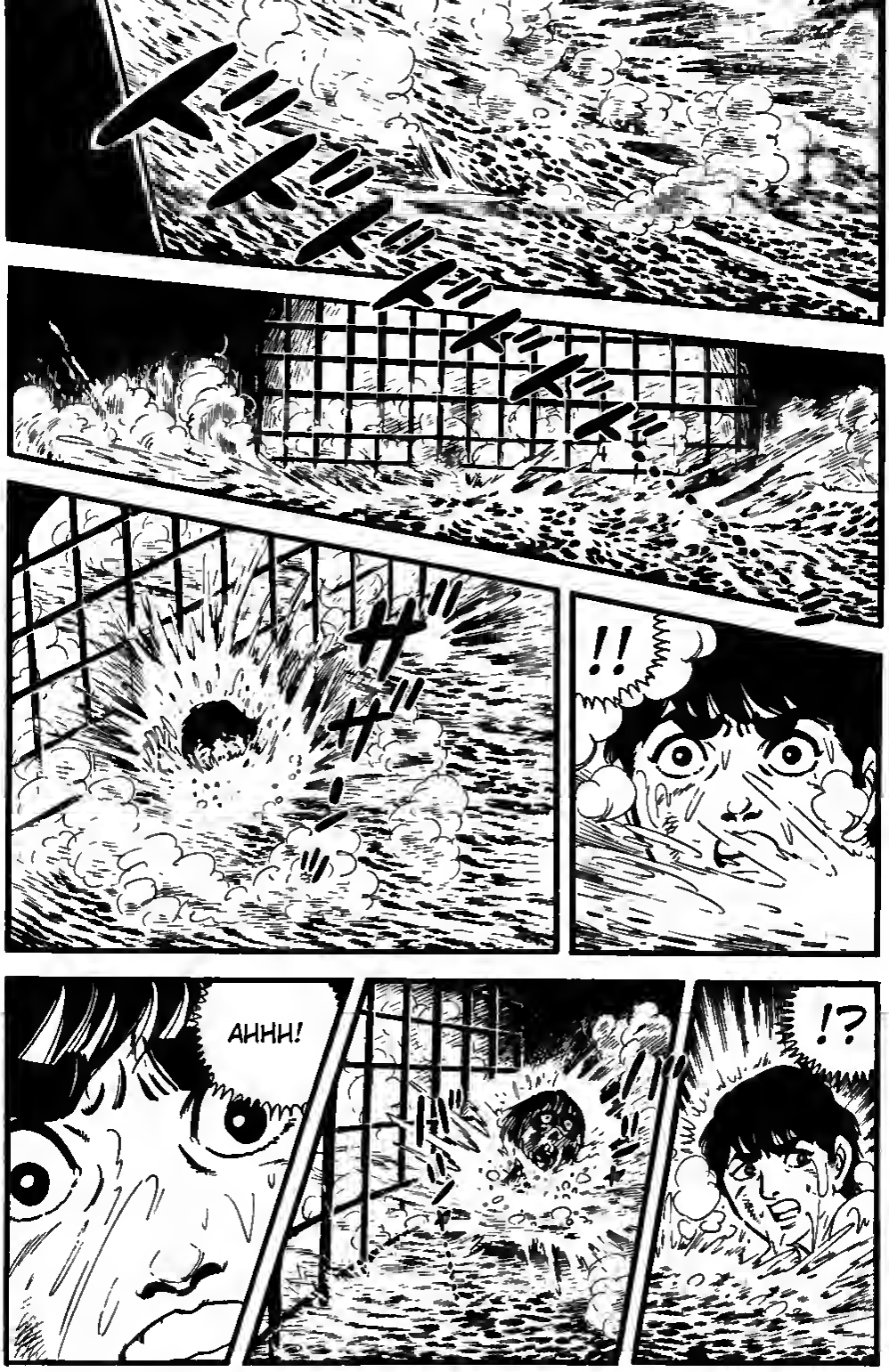

IT'S HOT!
THE WATER IS HOT!
HOLD ON!
HOLD ON!



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DANGER 10

AHHH!
IT CAN'T BE HIM!
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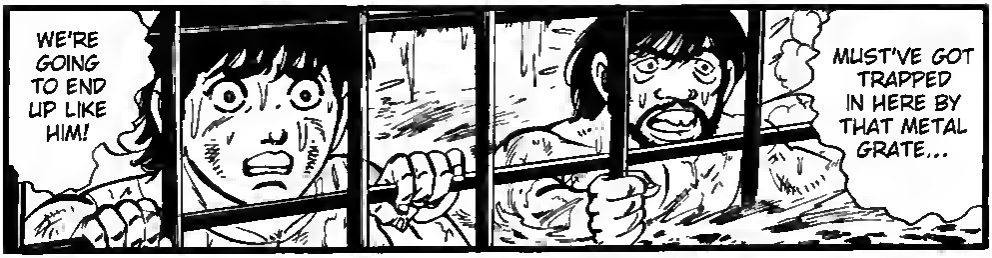
ANNNHHHH!
IT CAN'T BE!

YEAH... I SAW HIM TOO...
THERE... THERE WAS A DEAD BODY FLOATING! I THOUGHT-

G-GLAD... TO SEE YOU'RE TOO...
YOU ARE ALIVE!

IT'S PROBABLY THE GUY WHO ESCAPED BEFORE US...


WE'RE GOING TO END UP LIKE HIM!
MUST'VE GOT TRAPPED IN HERE BY THAT METAL GRATE...

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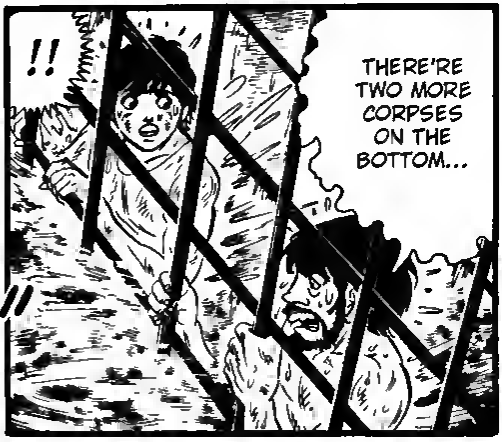
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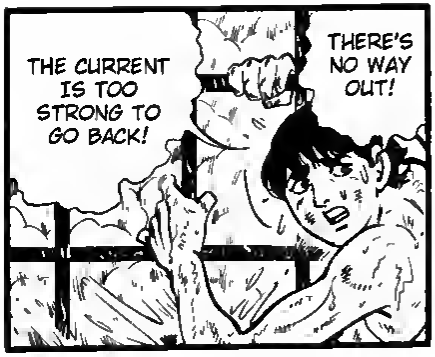
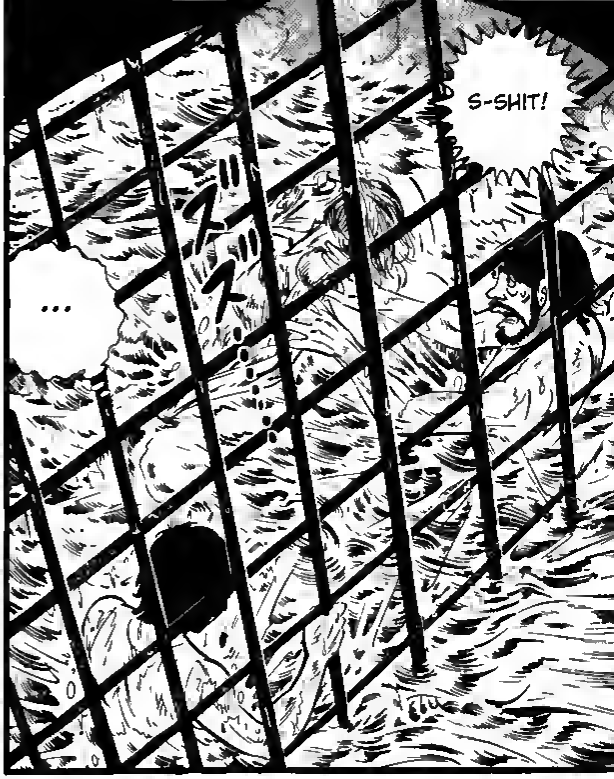
THERE'RE TWO MORE CORPSES ON THE BOTTOM...


THE CURRENT IS TOO STRONG TO GO BACK!
THERE'S NO WAY OUT!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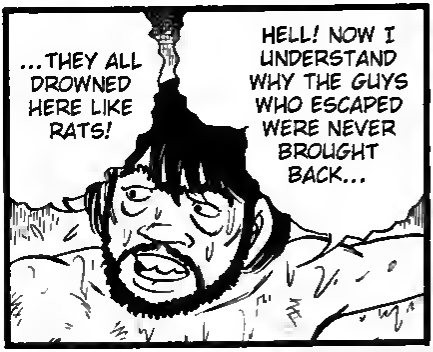
...THEY ALL DROWNED HERE LIKE RATS!
HELL! NOW I UNDERSTAND WHY THE GUYS WHO ESCAPED WERE NEVER BROUGHT BACK...

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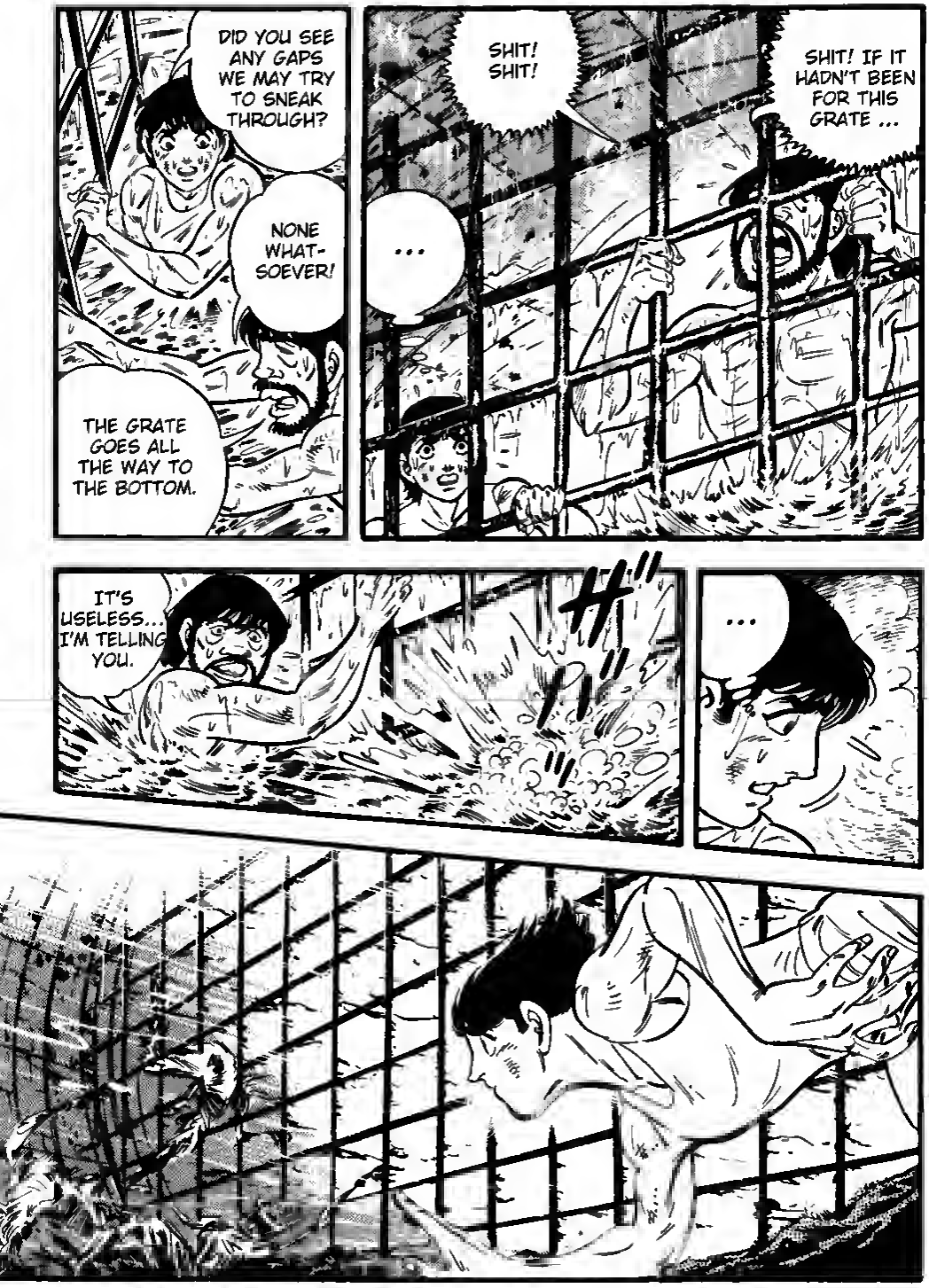
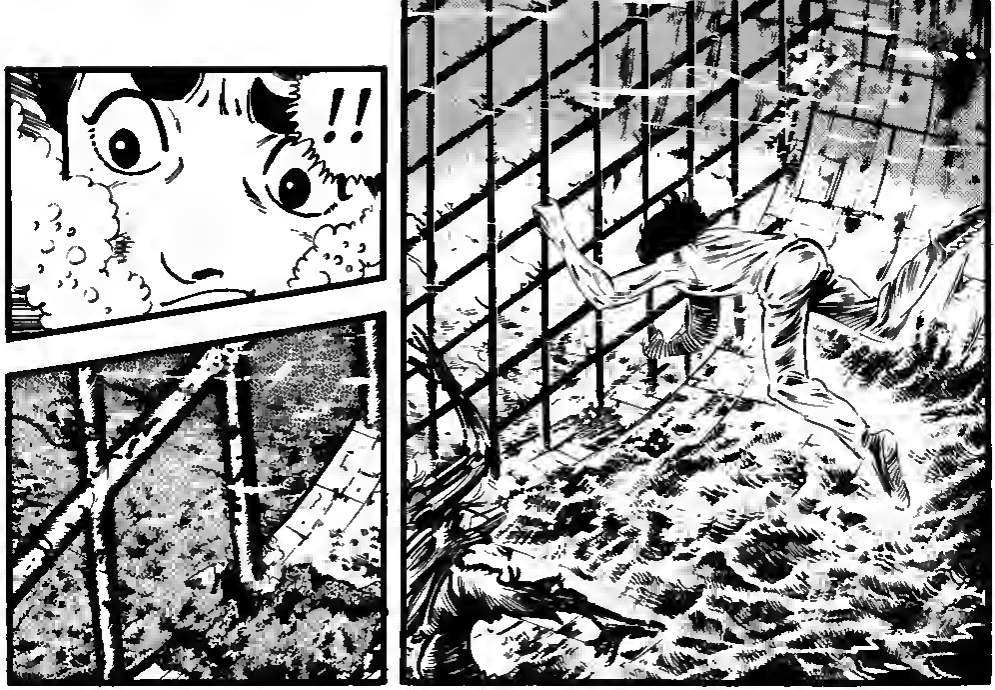

DID YOU SEE ANY GAPS WE MAY TRY TO SNEAK THROUGH?
NONE WHAT-SOEVER!
THE GRATE GOES ALL THE WAY TO THE BOTTOM.
SHIT! SHIT!
...
SHIT! IF IT HADN'T BEEN FOR THIS GRATE ...
IT'S USELESS... I'M TELLING YOU.
...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...THE COVER WOULDN'T COME OFF SO EASILY?
DAMN! HOW MANY TIMES HAD I TOLD YOU TO MAKE SURE...
JUST AS I THOUGHT, THEY ESCAPED DOWN THIS MANHOLE!
...THERE'S NO WAY THEY CAN ESCAPE FROM HERE. THEY'LL NEVER GET OUT ALIVE!
BUT SIR...
HOW AM I GOING TO EXPLAIN THAT TO THE MAYOR?
I KNOW, YOU IDIOT! BUT WE'VE JUST LOST TWO ABLE-BODIED SLAVES!
SHIT!

PUT THE COVER BACK IN PLACE!
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L-LISTEN...
...I FOUND A SMALL HOLE IN THE CONCRETE FLOOR.
IF WE ENLARGE IT, WE MAY BE ABLE TO SWIM THROUGH IT!
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SO WHAT?
AND HOW DO YOU EXPECT TO DO THAT?
WE HAVE NOTHING TO DIG WITH! ARE YOU GOING TO USE YOUR BARE HANDS?

...
I'M GOING TO GET OUT OF THIS PLACE!
I WILL DIG WITH MY BARE HANDS, IF I HAVE TO! I SWEAR I WILL!
I... I WON'T DIE...
...I WON'T DIE IN THIS HOLE!
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WELL...
...NO HARM IN TRYING, I GUESS...

AN... AN EMPTY CAN!
THE CAN! GRAB IT!
GRAB IT, FAST!
NOOOO!
HUH!? WHAT?

LET'S GET TO IT!
COME ON!
HUH?
WHAT'RE WE GOING TO DO WITH A RUSTY CAN?
LET'S GIVE IT A TRY...
UHM ...
WE'RE GOING TO DIG!
WE'LL GET OUT OF THIS PLACE, I'M TELLING YOU!
WE CAN DO IT!

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WE'VE GOT TO GO ON DIGGING!
ENOUGH OF THAT NONSENSE!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING? NO TIME TO REST! WE'VE GOT TO KEEP DIGGING!
...IT'S TOO HOT... I BARELY HAVE ENOUGH STRENGTH TO DIVE...
I-I.. I CAN'T...

UARGH!
...
IF WE GIVE UP NOW... WE'RE DEAD!

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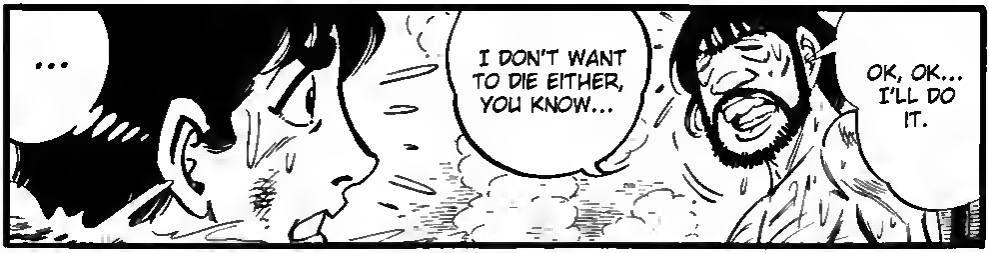
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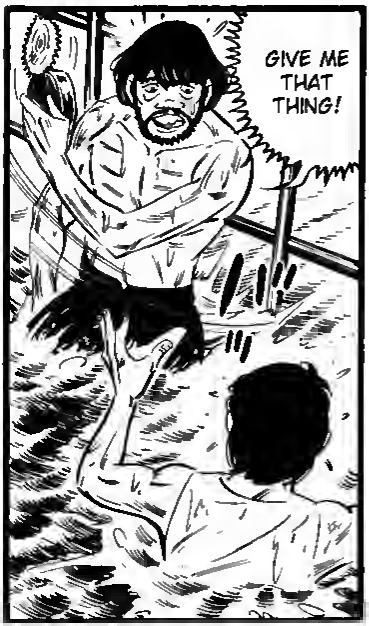
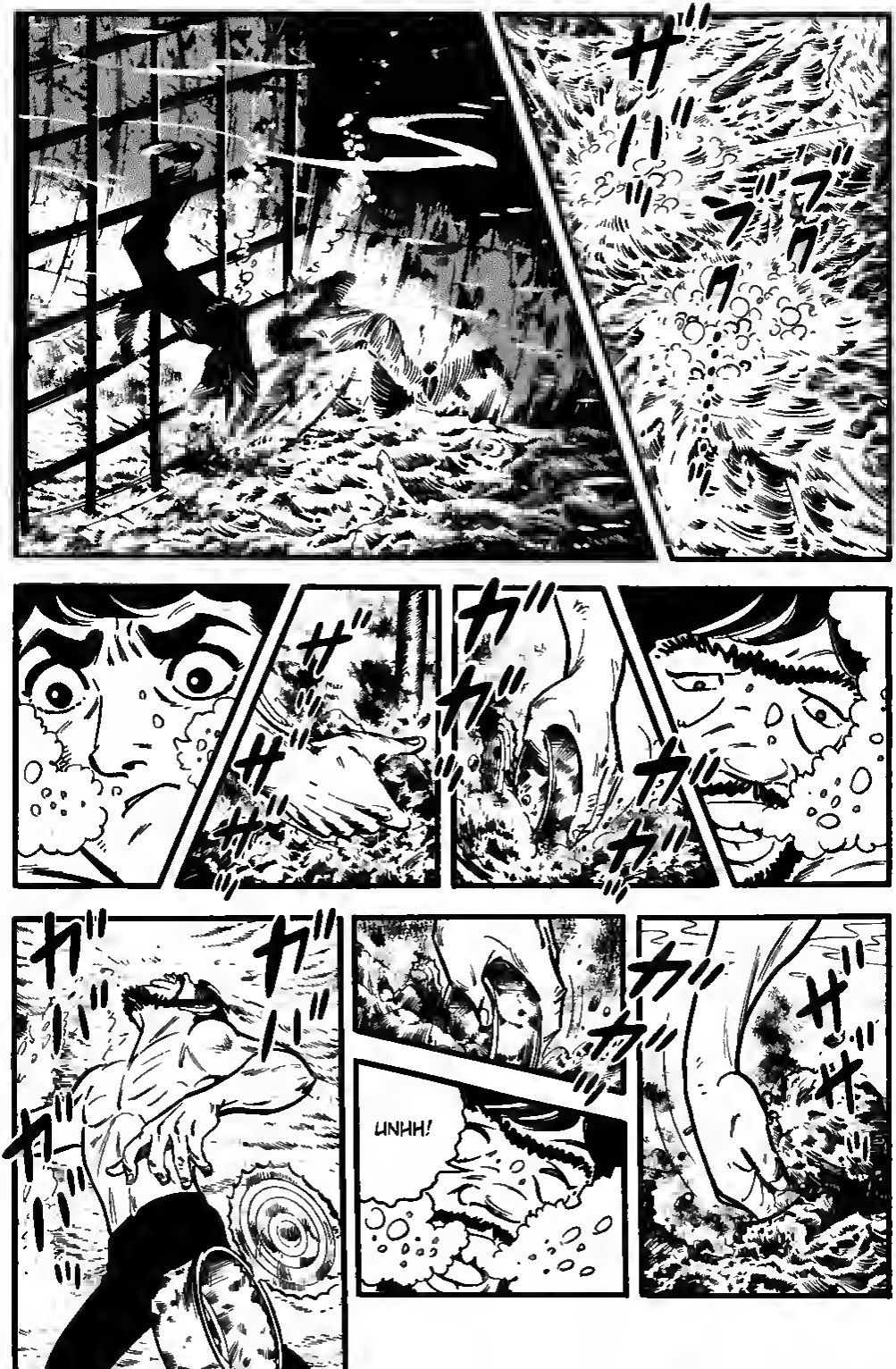
I DON'T WANT TO DIE EITHER, YOU KNOW...
OK, OK... I'LL DO IT.


GIVE ME THAT THING!

SHIT! I'LL DO IT!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UNHH!

...I JUST CAN'T!
I... I CAN'T DIG ANY-MORE...
I'M NOT GOING BACK DOWN...
IT'S NO GOOD... I CAN'T DO IT...
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...HE'S NOT COMING UP!
HE.. HE'S NOT...

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NO WAY!
NO WAY!
NO WAY I'M GOING DOWN THERE AGAIN!
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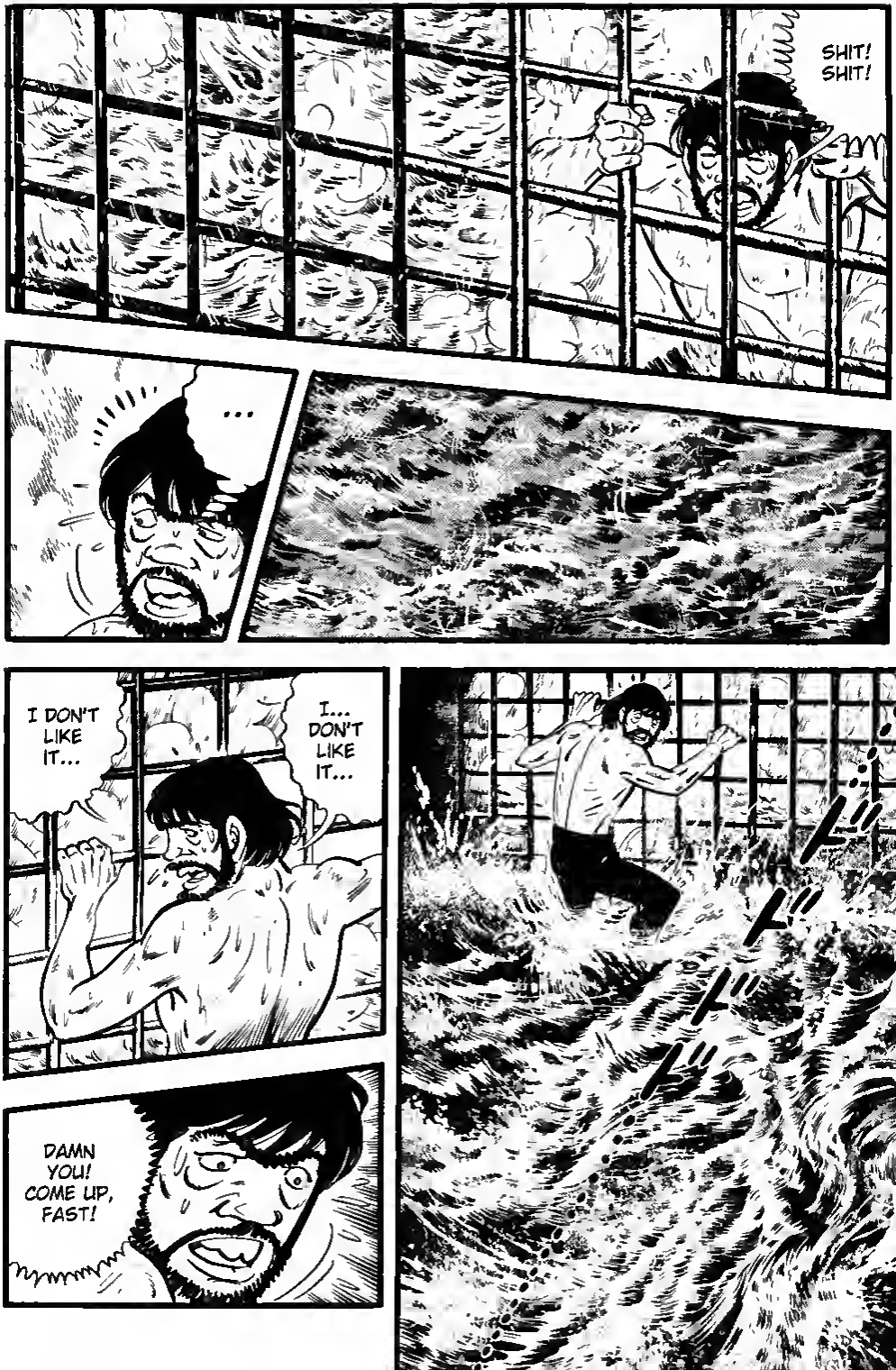
SHIT!
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I DON'T LIKE IT...
I... DON'T LIKE IT...
DAMN YOU! COME UP, FAST!

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YOU'RE GOING TO DIE!
YOU FOOL!
YOU MADE IT TO THE OTHER SIDE!?
YOU... MADE IT!?
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HUH!?
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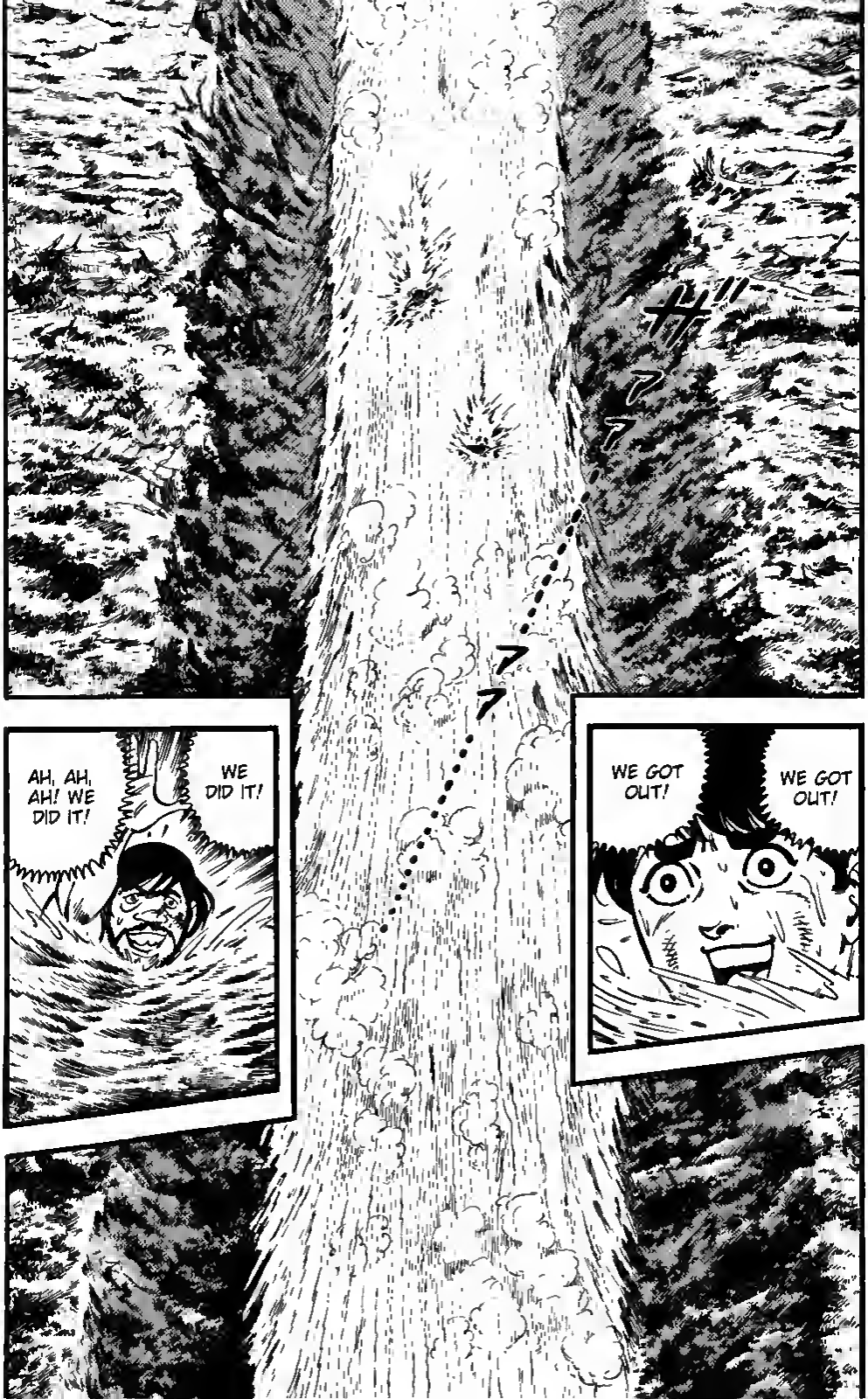
WE GOT OUT!
WE GOT OUT!
AH, AH, AH! WE DID IT!
WE DID IT!

AH...
AH...

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...THE ... THE "COUNTRY-SIDE"!

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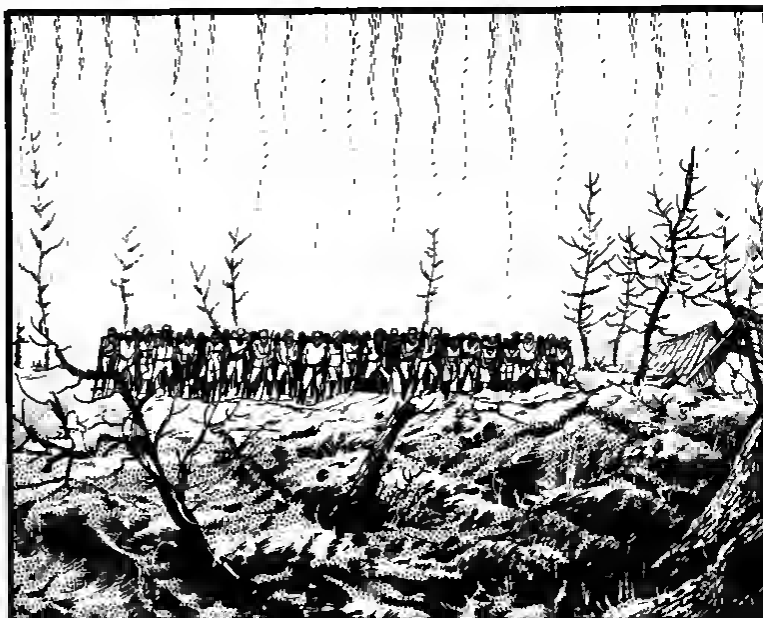
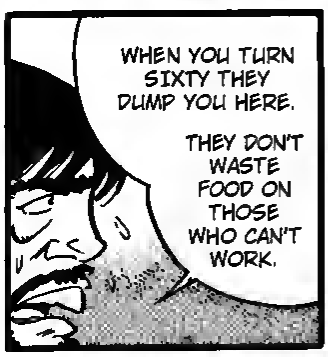


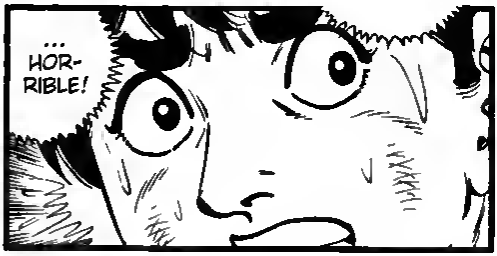
LOOK! THOSE PEOPLE...


WHEN YOU TURN SIXTY THEY DUMP YOU HERE.
THEY DON'T WASTE FOOD ON THOSE WHO CAN'T WORK.

...DUMPED THEM?
OH, THAT'S RIGHT! TODAY IS THE 15TH DAY OF THE MONTH... THEY JUST DUMPED THE OLD PEOPLE IN THE "COUNTRY-SIDE"...

BUT... BUT THAT'S...

MY FATHER... MY MOTHER... THEY DID IT TO THEM TOO.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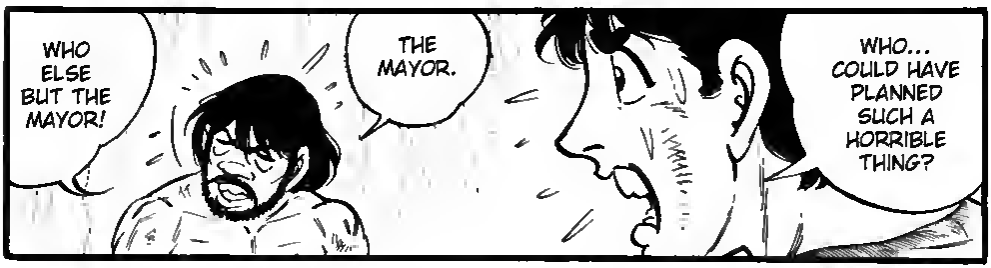
WHO ELSE BUT THE MAYOR!
THE MAYOR.
WHO... COULD HAVE PLANNED SUCH A HORRIBLE THING?

...THERE WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH FOOD FOR EVERYONE!
IF PEOPLE WORKED IN THE FIELDS INSTEAD OF ERECTING BUILDINGS...

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...DO YOU THINK HE GIVES A DAMN ABOUT PEOPLE'S LIVES?
HE'S SO OBSESSED WITH HIS DREAM OF BUILDING "HIS CITY" ...
THAT... WOMAN...!
!!

I'M GOING TO MEET UP WITH MY HUSBAND...
YOU MUST ALL GO BACK!

... SHE'S MIKI'S GRAND-MOTHER! GRAND-MOTHER!
OH! SA-SATORU!

THEY'RE AFRAID.
...GO ALONG WITH THIS HORRIBLE PLAN?
WHY... WHY DO YOU ALL ...

DO YOU REALLY WANT THE SAME THING TO HAPPEN TO YOUR FAMILY ONE DAY?

...WHAT DO YOU THINK THESE OLD GEEZERS COULD DO?
EVEN IF THEY LISTENED TO YOU...

EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD RISE UP WITH THEM!
...EVERYBODY ELSE WOULD FINALLY OPEN THEIR EYES!
DON'T YOU UNDERSTAND? IF THE ELDERS, WHO ARE THE FOUNDATION OF SOCIETY... IF THEY ROSE UP...
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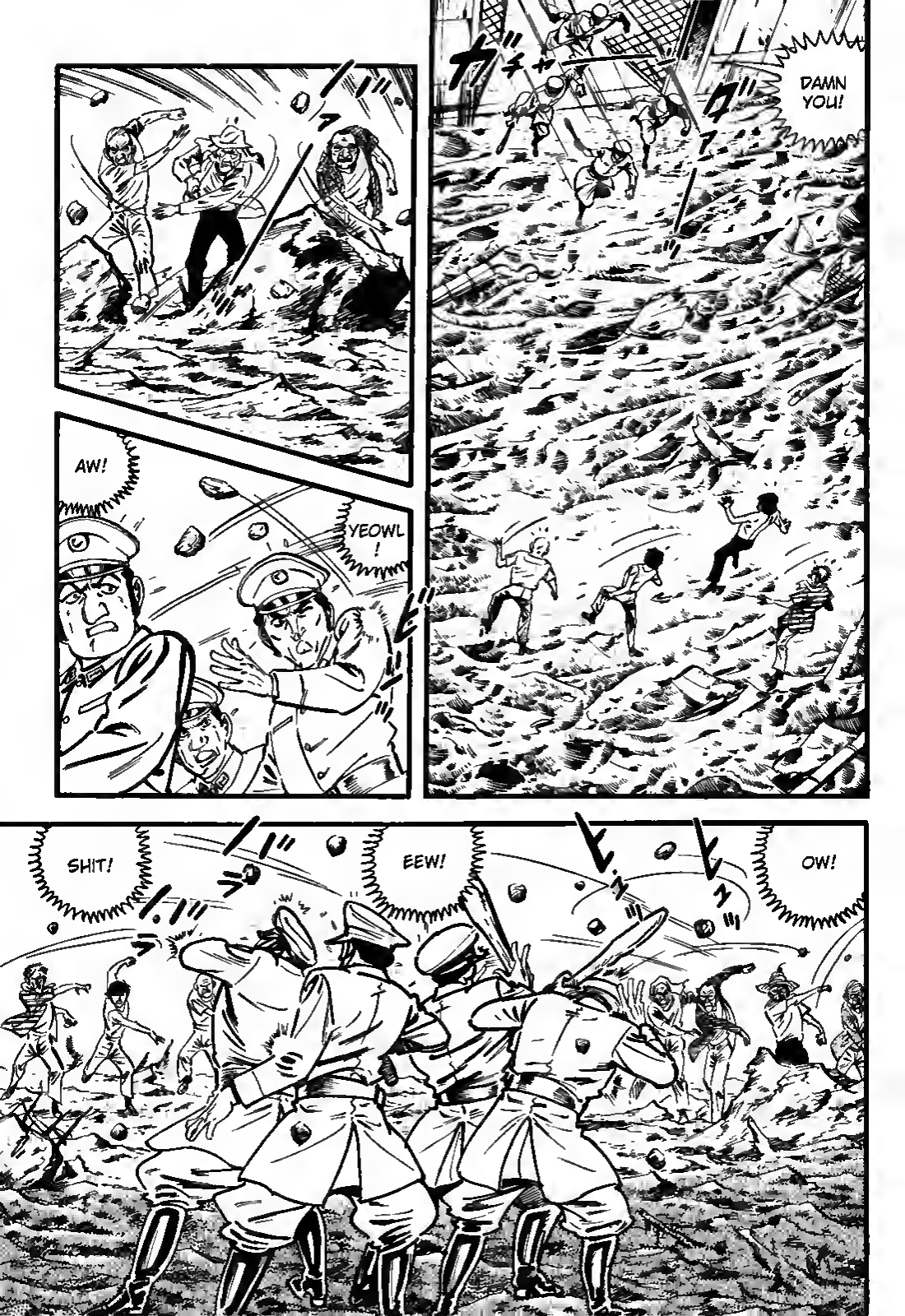
WHO...!?
AH!


DAMN YOU!
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SHIT!
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OW!

...IS GOING ON HERE?
WHAT THE HELL...
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WHAT!? YOU AGAIN!?
GET HIM!

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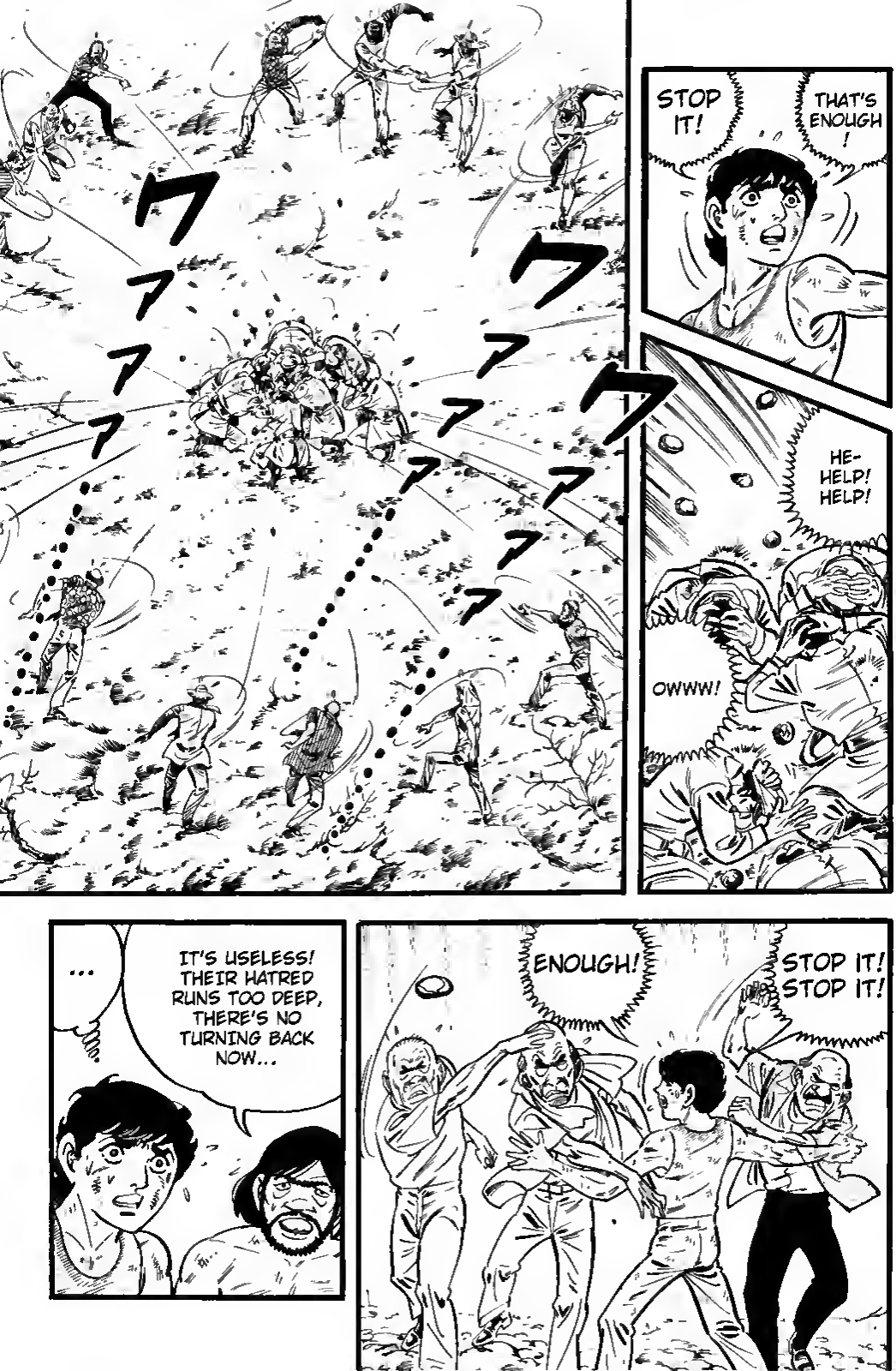
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STOP IT!
THAT'S ENOUGH!
HE-HELP! HELP!
OWWW!
...
IT'S USELESS! THEIR HATRED RUNS TOO DEEP, THERE'S NO TURNING BACK NOW...
ENOUGH!
STOP IT! STOP IT!

PLEASE, HELP US! PLEASE!
HELP, HELP!
THAT'S THEIR JUST REWARD!
...
...
TIME TO GO PAY A VISIT TO THE MAYOR!
NOW IT'S TIME TO WAKE UP OUR BROTHERS IN THE CITY!

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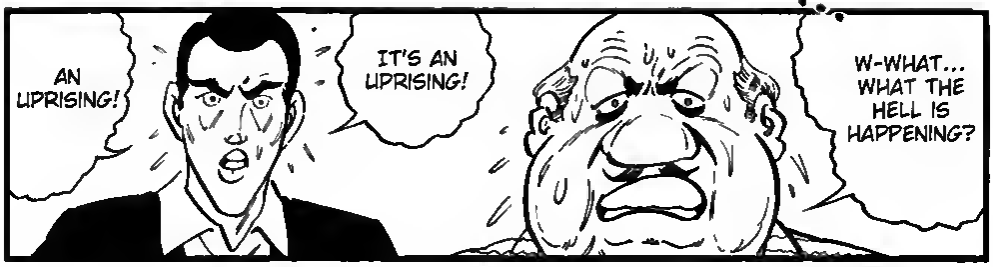
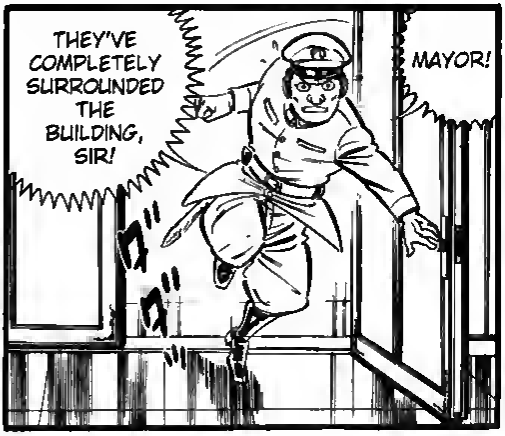
LET'S TOPPLE THE MAYOR!
LET'S REBUILD THE CITY BY OURSELVES!
GET THE MAYOR!
YEAH! GET THE MAYOR!


AN UPRISING!
IT'S AN UPRISING!
W-WHAT... WHAT THE HELL IS HAPPENING?

I... I'M THE ONE WHO BUILT THIS CITY!
WHY? WHAT ARE THEY ACCUSING ME OF?


THEY'VE COMPLETELY SURROUNDED THE BUILDING, SIR!
MAYOR!

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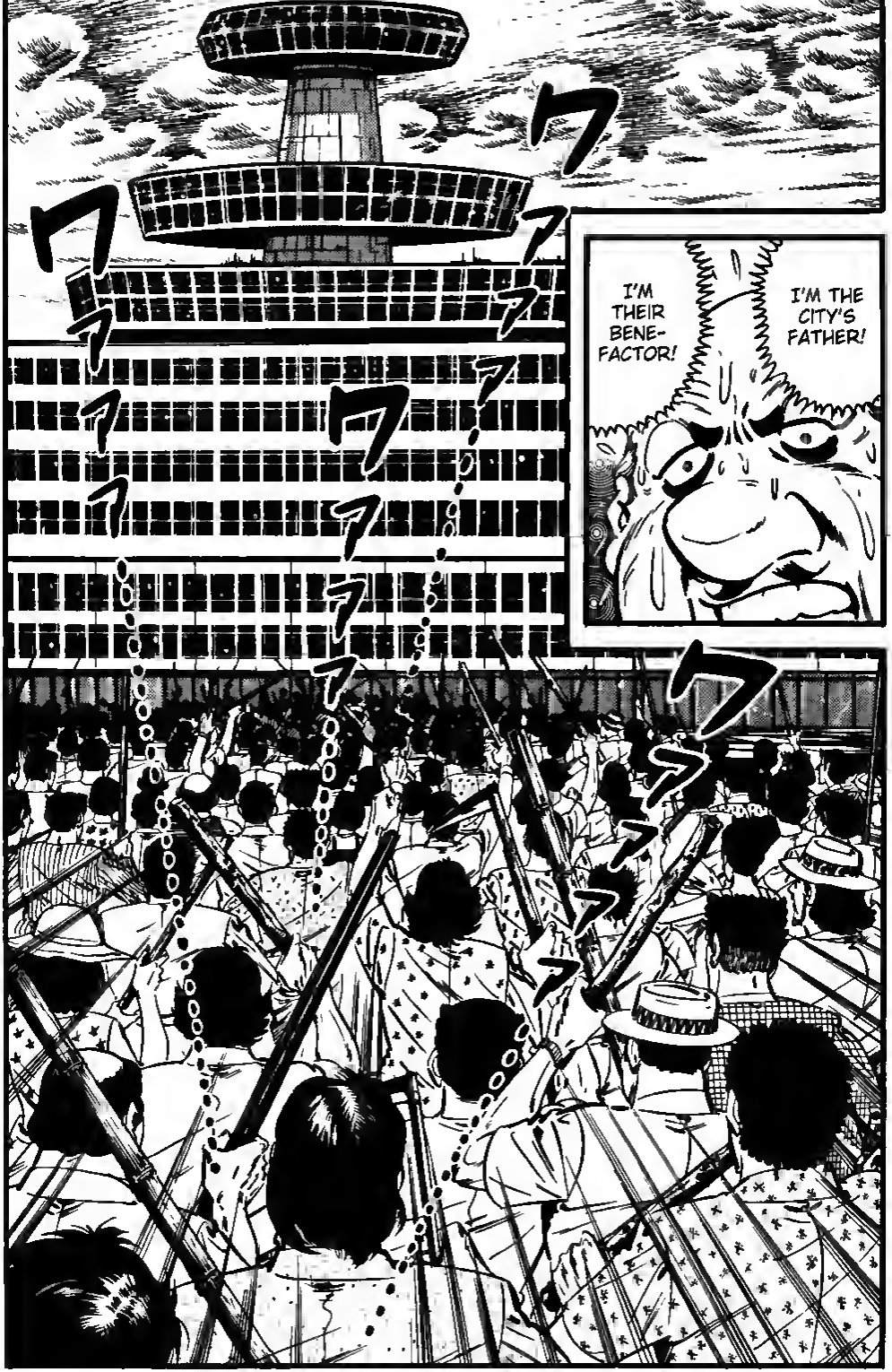

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GIVE ME A HAND, QUICK!
DON'T JUST STAND THERE!

DO-DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S ENOUGH FOOD, MAYOR?
NONSENSE! ALL THE FOOD IN HERE IS MINE! MINE, YOU UNDERSTAND?

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WAIT! I'M NOT DONE YET, WAIT!
AH!
IT'S TOO LATE! TOO LATE!

NOT ANYMORE!
HOW DARE YOU? I'M YOUR MAYOR! YOU MUST DO AS I SAY!
LET'S GET OUT OF HERE! RUN, RUN!
AHHHHHH!
UARGGGGH!

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MOVE, MOVE!
OUT OF THE WAY! OUT OF THE WAY!

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HELP ME LOOK FOR IT!
OKAY!
I FOUND IT!

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THE CITIZEN REGISTRY BOOK!
THIS IS IT! THIS IS IT!
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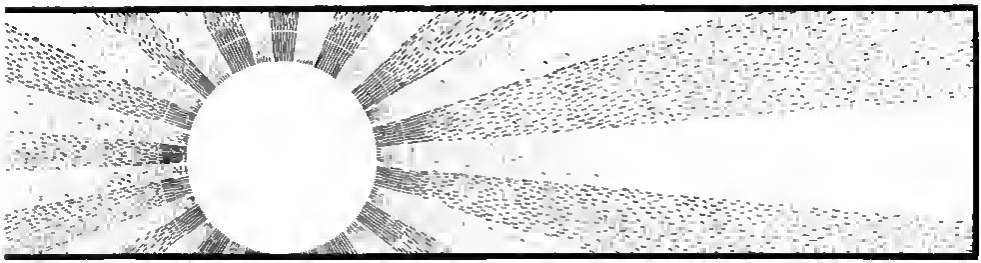

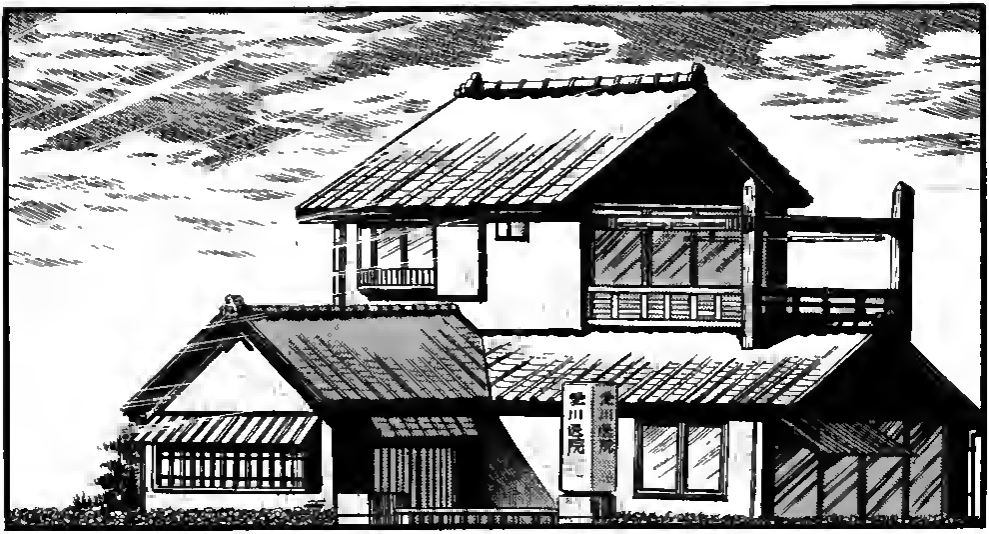
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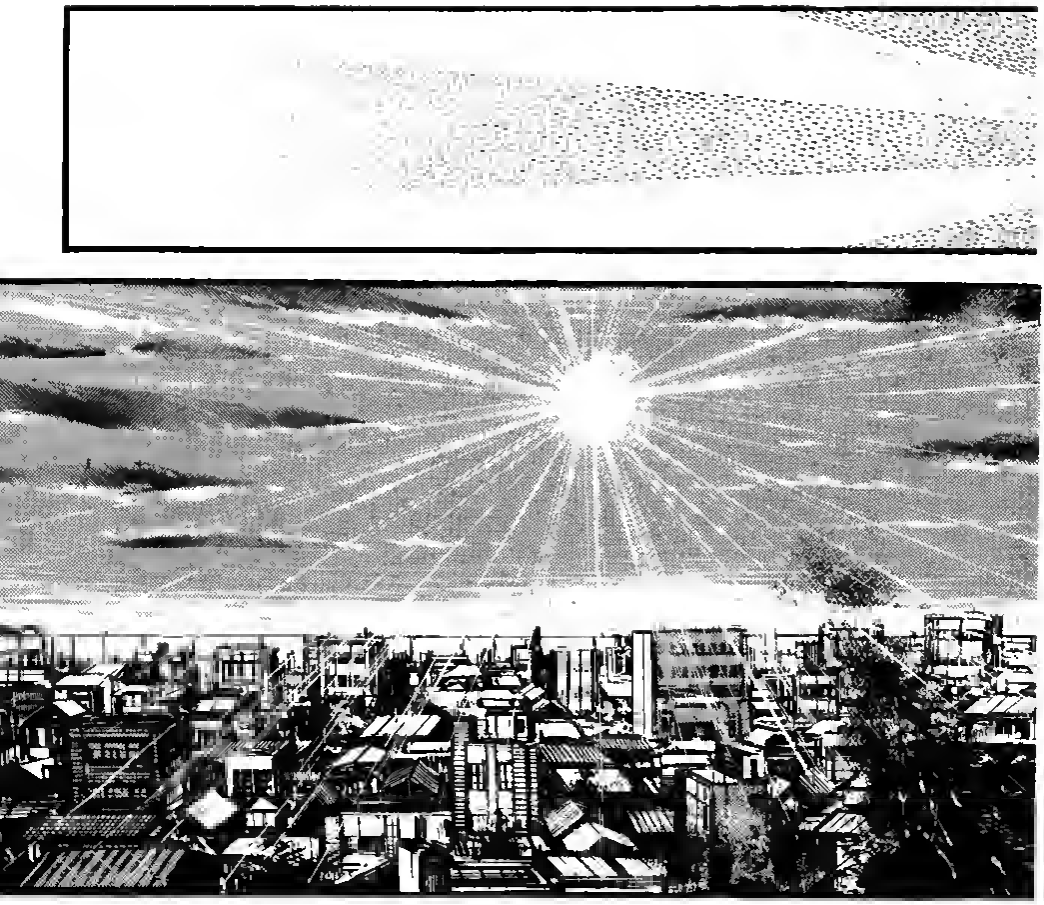
ARE YOU REALLY SURE THEY'RE NOT LIVING IN THIS CITY, SATORU?
YES, I MUST KEEP ON SEARCHING FOR MY FAMILY...
SO... YOU'LL BE LEAVING US SOON?

WHAT IF YOU FAILED TO NOTICE THEIR NAMES?
I WENT OVER THE REGISTRY BOOK THREE TIMES... THEY'RE NOT HERE.
...
NO, THEY NEVER CAME TO THIS CITY...
IMPOSSIBLE, GIVEN HOW CAREFULLY I CHECKED...
THANK YOU, GRANDMA. I WISH YOU A LONG AND HEALTHY LIFE!
LOOK AFTER YOURSELF! AND IF YOUR STOMACH EVER BOTHERS YOU, TAKE ONE OF THESE TABLETS IMMEDIATELY!
SATORU ...
THANK YOU, GRANDMA...
YOU'RE SO KIND... SO KIND...

GOODBYE, SATORU!
I'M SURE YOU WILL FIND THEM!
AND EVEN IF WE DON'T HAVE ELECTRICITY OR FANCY MACHINERY ...
THE TIME HAS COME TO BUILD OUR OWN CITY! WITH OUR OWN HANDS! IF WE STAND TOGETHER, NOBODY WILL STOP US!
LET'S BUILD OUR CITY ALL TOGETHER!
...WE'LL ALWAYS HAVE FREEDOM!

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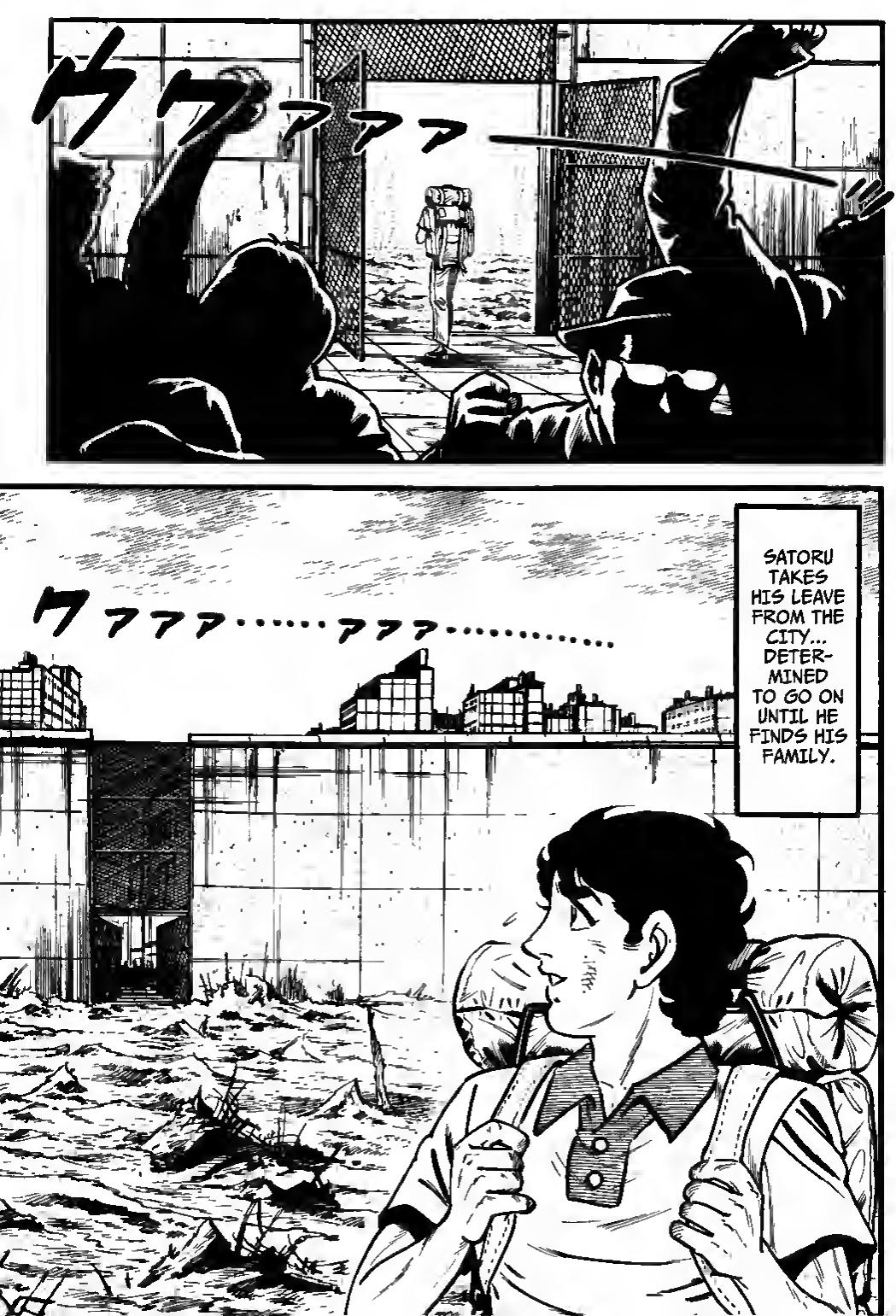
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SATORU TAKES HIS LEAVE FROM THE CITY... DETERMINED TO GO ON UNTIL HE FINDS HIS FAMILY.

NO MATTER WHAT OBSTACLES HE'LL FIND ON THE WAY, SATORU WILL KEEP ON GOING... SURVIVING... SURVIVING...

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